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Mr Richard Battey

Dear Sir.

I am trying to make a geneaological record of my paternal ancestors the "Harkness" family. I write by my Father's (Thomas Harkness) request to know if you can give me some information - which I think is to be found in the "Friends Records" of Smithfield

I would like the date of

the marriage of Adam
Harkness to Mary Gaskill
and the names of the
parents of Mary Gaskill.—
the birth dates of their
children
Adam—
Nathan
James
Samuel B March 20" 1770
Robert Born– Nov 4 1756
Anna. B Sep 29" 1759
The first three I have but
little record of – I think Adam
Jr. married Thankful Shearman
and should like the date of
their marriage – and any
dates you can furnish in
regard to Adam – Nathan or
James would be very accep-

table. James - I believe died unmarried. Should like to know to whom Nathan was married - or anything you may know in regard to Adam and Nathan or their descendants.

If you have access to the "Friends Records" and could without much inconvenience to yourself - furnish the desired dates, Father would consider it a favor and appreciate the kindness.

Hoping to hear from you, I remain

Yours respectfully
Josephine M Harkness.

Adam Harkness Jr and Thankful
Sherman were maried in 1771

Nathan Harkness maried
Hannah Buffum daughter
of Joseph and Margaret Buffum

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YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
FOR NEW ENGLAND

At our Monthly Meeting held At Smithfield the 28th of the 9th mo. 1780. The Meeting being Convened the Representatives Appearing from the Prepatv. meetings Are. —
From Smithfd. Upper house Jacob Arnold & George Comstock. —
Uxbridge Samuel Aldrich & David Farnum
Smithfield Lower house Rufus Smith Augustus Lapham Amasa Gray & Nathaniel Walker. —

Uxbridge prepatv. meeting Informing that Israel Sabin requests the Care of Friends, he appearing in this Meeting & Still ~~requesting~~ continuing his request Our Friends Job Scott, David Buffum & Elisha Thornton Are Appointed to take A Solid Opportunity with him concerning the Motives of his said request & suitableness of being Accepted A member of Our Society, & report to Next monthly Meeting. —

The Friends Appointed to join A Comtee. of Women Friends & consider of the Circumstances relating to Pink Harris A Negro Woman being Admitted A Member of our Society, Report that they have conferd with her Master who appeared Free that she might be taken under the care of Friends, & also had An Opportunity with her & considered the Circumstances, & think it may be Safe for the Women to grant the said request.

The ~~Commi~~ttee Appointed Report that the Marriage of Thomas Hazzard Jur. was consumated in An Orderly manner.

The Comtee to inquire into the Clearness of Benedict Remington, Benjamin Pearce & Levi Arnold Report that they find Nothing to hinder their proceeding in Marriage As proposed Last month And they with the Women Appeared & recevd their Answer in order for Marriage And Our Friends William Buffum & Jonathan Nowry Are Appointed to See the Marriage of Benedict Remington Consumated & Jacob Arnold & George Comstock Are Appointed to See the Marriage of Benjn. Pearce Consumated & Moses Brown & Thomas Lapham Are Appointed to See the Marriage of Levi Arnold consumated And all to Report to Next Monthly Meeting.

Richard Dame & Abigail Reed Appeared in this Meetg And received their Answer in Order for Marriage, Our Friends Georg Arnold & Rufus Smith Are Appointed to see the Same Consumated & Report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Matter respecting Books being Opened before this Meeting & the Committee's report thereon being read & approved of is as follows

Rules & Regulations to be Observed Concerning the Books that do or may belong to Smithfield Monthly Meeting.

1st After the Books Are Collected the Name of Smithfield Monthly Meeting be fairly Written on the Title page & numbered in the back of Each Book.

That A Catalogue be made out with the Number affixed in the Margin & fairly written in A register in Alphabetical Order

That it be the Office of the Librarian to do this Business & from time to time to take Care that the Books be kept in their proper places in the Library prepared in the Upper Meeting house in Smithfield & that they be kept Clean; to deliver out Books & take Receipts for them, & when Returned to Discharge the same.

That all Friends be carefull to return the books they Receive in three Months at furthest, that they take care to keep them as clean & whole as they can, & in case they loose or Spoil Any Book they Are to procure another in the room of it.

That the Librarian Attend And Open the Library One hour before the Monthly Meeting preceding Each Quarter, & occasionally at other Convenient Times, & deliver Out & receive in the Books. — And whereas A number of usefull books Collected together & thus regulated may Edify & improve the rising Generation as well as those already Advanced in years, & be more Especially Usefull to those whose Circumstances & situation in life may render it impracticable for them to possess them of their own, or otherwise procure them. It is recommended to Friends who Are in Circumstances to Encourage & promote the Enlargement of the Library in their Freedom; And the

School Comt.ee for the time being Are added to the Librarian, (when Necessary) as Judges of the fitness of Any books to be rec.d & Lodged in the Library

Agreable to Appointment we have considerd of the Matter of the Library & submit the foregoing as Our Report.—

Rufus Smith
Moses Brown
George Comstock

The Comt.ee respecting Caleb Buffum Report that two of them have had further Opportunity with him, by which it Appears best to them that Friends wait no longer on him. Therefore this Meeting puts the said Caleb Buffum from Under the care of Friends As A member Untill he shall make Satisfaction for the Transgressions Charged against him. And Appoint George Comstock & Jacob Arnold to inform him of his Denial & right of Appeal & draw a Testimony of his denial & report to next monthly Meeting.—

George Comstock And Asa Smith Report that they have fulfild their Appointment respecting Richard Buffum; The Testimony being read & some Alterations made was Approved of & signed by the Clerk—

The Matter of Reappointing Visitors is Again Referd & the present Visitors Are desired to Make Report of their [illegible] proceedings to next monthly Meeting.—

The Comt.ee Respecting David Wraly's Certificate presented A draft of a Letter to Swansey monthly Meeting which being read & approved of was Signed by the Clerk.

The Matter Referd Respecting the Recommendation from the Yearly Meeting concerning Schools being Opened before this Meeting & a letter from the Meeting for Sufferings being read & is As follows—

From Our Meeting for Sufferings held At Providence the 11th of the 9th m.o 1780. To the Several Monthly Meetings

Dear Friends.— This Meeting having taken Under their consideration the promotion of A School or schools Agreable to the Recommendation of the last Yearly Meeting & having Agreed upon a form of a Subscription And got the same printed we herewith send you Ten copies & recommend your Appointing One Or more Suitable

suitable Persons who may be engaged to further the concern & recom-mendation of that Meeting in this important Matter, to procure Subscriptions &c either at the several Monthly ~~Meetings~~ or preparative Meetings or by by personal Applications As may Appear best; And As the paper Currency is so uncertain, it is proposed that the Subscription be in hard Money, Yet as it is a matter of Prudence & benevolence Other Subscriptions will be Acceptable. Our Friends Jacob Mott, Thomas Hazzard, Thomas Arnold, Thomas Lapham, Jeremiah Hacker, Josiah Southwick & John Bailey Are Appointed by this Meeting to be feoffees in Trust for the Yearly Meeting, to Recieve Deeds & conveyances of Any real Estate for the Use of the School or Schools, Any three of which & their Successors in said Office Are to be named in Such Conveyance as Friends may be disposed to make. - - The Subscriptions to the fund is proposed to be paid in six months After Subscribed, or in case the Subscribers incline to keep the Same Longer in their hands they pay the Interest from that time. , Those Subscriptions which Are for the Immediate Erecting of the School Friends Are Desired to forward ~~the~~ As soon as convenient — Signed in behalf & by Direction of sd Meeting

by — Moses Brown Clk

Whereupon this Meeting Appoints Our Friends William Buffum, David Farnum & Jonathan Arnold to Obtain Subscriptions According to the Above Directions. —

The School Comtee Appointed by this Monthly Meeting Are desired to make Report of their proceedings to Next monthly Meeting --- One of the Comtee To Treat with James Buffum concerning his Moving to Salem Report that he finds Nothing to hinder his Moving as proposed thereupon this Meeting Gave a Certificate Recommending him to Salem Monthly Meeting which was Signed by the Clerk

The Friends Appointed Report that by Enquiry they find Nothing to hinder Samuel Rodman having A Certificate to Nantucket Monthly Meeting, Accordingly this Meeting gave One Signed by the Clerk. —

The Comtee to Labour with Israel Aldrich Report, by which it Appears that he Confesses the Non Attendance of Our Religious Meetings And that he is in the practice of Attending other Meetings, & hath lately taken Up Arms & been as a Soldier in the war, & neglects plainness of speech & Apparel, & doth Not Desire Friends to wait Longer on him. . Therefore this Meeting puts him from Under the Care of Friends as A member, untill he Shall make Satisfaction And Appoints David Aldrich & William Bosset to Inform him of his Denial & right of Appeal & Draw A Testimony of his Denial & bring to next monthly Meeting. —

Smithfd. Upper house prepaty Meeting Inform that Luke Kelley desires A Certificate to Sandwich Monthly Meeting Signifying his Clearness respecting Marriage Engagements Among us, thereupon Our Friends George Smith & George Arnold Are desired to Make the Necessary Enquiry & report to Next monthly Meeting. —

The Queries with Answers thereto were read, & the Answers Approved of & Inserted in the Account to the Next quarterly Meeting which was read Approved of & Signed by the Clerk. —

An Account of the Approving of David Bussum's Publick Testimony also Inserted & the Testimony of our Friend Moses Farnum Deceased was Directed to be Sent Up to the Quarterly Meeting. —

Friends Appointed Representatives are David Farnum, David Bussum & Thomas Lapham. —

The Comttee Appointed Report that by Enquiry they think Gardner Earl hath worthy Settled his Outward affairs to Satisfaction & know of no difficulty likely to Arise in Compleating the Whole thereupon this Meeting gave A Certificate Recommending him to the Care of Nine Partners Monthly Meeting Signed by the Clerk —

The Business of the Meeting Unfinished is Refered to Next monthly Meeting. —

— At our Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield the 26th of the 10th mo: 1780 — The Meeting being Convened the Representatives from the preparation Meetings Are — From Smithfield Upper house George Smith & George Arnold
Uxbridge Joseph Mosher & Jonathan Sweet —
Smithfd Lowerhouse Oziel Wilkinson & Caleb Greene
Our Friends Stephen Hoeg & Isaac Kelley Attended this Meeting, & their Certificates from A monthly Meeting held At east Horrock the 11th of the 8th mo: last was read to Satisfaction Also Solomon Barton Produced A ~~Certificate~~ Minute from Nine Partners Monthly Meeting dated 22d. 9th mo: 1780 the Same was read to Satisfaction. —

Our Friend Benedick Carpenter produced A Certificate from A Monthly Meeting held At Harrison's Purchase in West Chester County & Province of New York the 12th of the 10th mo: 1780 Signifying their Concurrance with his concern to visit Friends in New England, & that he is A Mini[illegible] in good Esteem, his life & conversation in a good degree Agreable to our Profession, the same being read is to Satisfaction Also our Friend John Alsop, produced A minute from said Monthly Meeting. Signifying their Unity with his Accompanying Benedick Carpenter in the said Visit which was read to Satisfaction — Also Stephen Sweat Attended this Meeting with A Certificate from Salem Monthly Meeting Which was read to Satisfaction —

The Comttee Appointed to Treat with Israel Sabin Report that they have had An Opportunity with him & that he Appeared Sincere in his Requesting the Care of Friends & that they thought it might be Safe to grant his request therefore he is Accepted A member of our Society. —

The Friends Appointed to ~~see~~ the Marriage of Benedick Remington, Benjamin Pearce, Levi Arnold & Richard Dann

Consummated, Report that they were Conducted in a good degree orderly.—

The matter respecting Visitors is refered to next monthly Meeting, they not being ready to Report.—

The Friends Appointed report, that they have Informed Israel Aldrich as Desired last month & drawn a Testimony of his Denial, which being read & some Alterations made the same is Approved of & signed by the Clerk.—

The Friends Appointed to Enquire into Luke Kelley's Clearness in respect to marriage Engagements amongst us Report that Enquiry hath been Made, & nothing found but that he is Clear in that respect, thereupon this Meeting Certified the Same to Sandwich Mothly Meeting by a few lines Signed by the Clerk.—

The Certificate Abraham Barker had from this Meeting in the 4th mo. last to Rhode Island Mothly Meeting being Returned by reason that his Clearness in respect to Marriage Engagements was Not Inserted. Therefore Our Friends Caleb Greene & Daniel Anthony Are desired to Make the Necessary Enquiry & report to Next monthly Meeting.—

Anna Hocke Attended this Meeting on a religious visit, And her Certificate from A monthly Meeting held at East Hoosick the 11th of the 8th mo. past was read to Satisfaction And A few lines Were directed back to said meeting Signifying Our satisfaction in her Visit.—

The Matter Respecting Schools was considered, & most of the School Comtee. Reported as follows "Agreable to appointment we have Laboured to Erect Schools, & promote the Education of our Children & Youth in general in A more Extensive Manner than we found ourselves able to do for Want of Suitable Teachers being to be had, yet diverse Schools have been Encouraged & one Setup for Qualifying our youth to Teach

Teach Schools as well to Instruct younger Children, & some from this School have since been Teachers of others, the poor & the poorer sort of Friends Children have been Attended to & Children of diverse Families have been Instructed at the Meetings Expence, tho but little of the Interest of the school fund hath been yet Applied, & none but what was for poor Children, the State of the Currency & some Circumstances Attending the money belonging to the fund, hath prevented the Interest being more Applied, & Schools more Constantly kept up, And the Same reason as to the State of the Currency hath prevented Ours & we Apprehend the Several preparve Meetings from getting Subscriptions As recommended to Encrease the fund. —; For a more particular Account of our proceedings we Refer the Meeting to the Records of our Doings herewith presented. -

26th 10mo 1780 Thomas Steere, Benjamin Arnold, Samuel Aldrich, Rufus Smith, George Smith, Moses Brown, George Comstock, David Steere, David Buffum, Thomas Lapham

Whereupon the Meeting Agreeable to A Motion of said Comtee Dismisses them All from that Appointment, And Appoints Our Friends Job Scott, David Steere, Rufus Smith, David Anthony, Elisha Thornton, William Buffum, Jacob Arnold Thomas Arnold, Daniel Aldrich, Joseph Congdon, Jazaniah Barrit & Antipass Earl, to Succeed the former Comtee & to Act in the Care of Schools as the Truth opens the way, As Near According to the former Directions as they may be Enabled. —

The Comtee to have the Necessary care of Joseph Farnum's Children, Report that they have Attended to that matter, & thinks there still requires further Care therein, thereupon they are Continued for said Service & report to Next monthly Meeting. —

Smithfield Lower preparative Meeting Informing that Thomas Lapham proposes to Send his Son William to Saratoga to Reside the ensuing Winter & desires A few lines ~~by Way of Letter~~ may be given him by way of Certificate. Our Friends Ozial Wilkinson & Amasa Gray Are Appointed to Examine into that Matter & report to next monthly meeting.—

This Meeting Allowed an Acct. of £2..18..6 brought in by Thomas Arnold as overseer of the poor for money Expended in Support and Care of a poor Friend from Rhode Island, & desired the Meeting for Sufferings to pay the same out of the yearly Meetings Treasury.—

This Meeting Indorsed A few lines signed by the Clerk on the Certificates of our Friends Stephen Hoag & Isaac Kelly from East Hoosack, Certifying their Attending this Meeting to Satisfaction.—

Also A few lines on the Minute produced by our Friend Stephen Sweat from Salem Monthly Meeting Certifying his Attendance of this Meeting to Satisfaction.—

The Business unfinished is referred to Next monthly Meeting.—

At our Monthly Meeting held At Smithfield the 30th. 11mo. 1780.— The Meeting being Convened the Repres Appearing from the Preparative Meetings Are.—

From Smithfield Upperhouse George Arnold & Jacob Bartlet.—
Uxbridge Samuel Fowler & Richard Mowry
Smithfd Lower house Benjamin Arnold & John Walker.—

The Epistle from our last Quarterly Meeting was read to satisfaction.–

Moses Brown having Rec.d the printed Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held in London in the 5th mo. last, the same was read in this Meeting to Satisfaction. –

Thomas Lapham having Wrote to Benjamin Lapham As directed in the 11th mo. last Year, & Benjamin's return being read in this Meeting, & the Acknowledgment first signed by him the same is Accepted & is As follows

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Smithfield -

Dear Friends.., I am Sorry I have done Any thing so Contrary to the Testimony of Truth & rules of Friends As to Occasion them Thinking I was willing to Support A man Made Ministry, however through want of Attention to the Dictates of Truth in that matter I was Induced to purchase A Settling Lott Yet I now disapprove & condemn that Act of mine As having reproached our Testimony & do believe it right that Friends bore A Testimony Against such proceedings by Dealing with me And other of their Members & tho I have through unwatchfulness Let in & Uttered Expressions agst Friends Unbecoming the Profession of Truth. Yet I am favord at times to see wherein I have miss'd it, & as I am Desirous of the Strength & assistance of Society Against my many Infirmities, I desire Friends to pass by my Offences & return Me to Membership Again & A few lines from You to the Monthly meeting here. — Benjamin Lapham

Wherefore this meeting passes by his Misconduct, & restores him Again into Membership, his request for a certificate is refer'd to Next Monthly Meeting. –

George Comstock Reports that Jonathan Cass of Richmond hath been Informed of his Denial & right of Appeal; & a Testimony of his Denial being is Approved of & signed by the Clerk & ordered to be lodged on file.—

The Womens meeting Inform they have Accepted Huldah Bowen & Lydia Sweet members of our Society This Meeting Approves thereof.—

The matter Respecting Visitors is Again refer'd they Not being fully ready to Report, & the Same to be reported to next monthly meeting.—

The Friends Appointed Report that they have made Enquiry & dont find but Abraham Barker is clear of Marriage Engagements Among us, therefore the same was Inserted in the former Certificate Signed by the Clerk & directed to Rhode Island Monthly Meeting.— The Comtee Respecting Jonathan Farnum's Children Inform that there is Still Need of Care Towards said Children, therefore the Comttee is Still Continued for that Service & to report in the 5th mo. Next or Sooner if Necessary.—

The Comttee respecting the Matter of William Lapham's having A Certificate not being ready to Report. Elisha Thornton, Daniel Aldrich & George Comstock Are Added to the Comttee & they to Report to Next monthly Meeting. David Farnum is Appointed to read the Testimony of Seth Gifford's Denial At the Close of A Meeting at Uxbridge George Comstock that of Isaac Chace at the Close of a Meeting At this house, & report to Next monthly Meeting Asa Aldrich to procure that of Jonathan Cass At the Close of a Meeting At Richmond & report When finished.—

The Comtee. to Visit the meetings Appointed in the 8th mo. last not being fully ready to Report that matter is refered to next Monthly Meeting, Also the Matter Respecting Isaac Aldrich Moving is still Refered to Next monthly Meeting

Uxbridge preparative Meeting informing that one of the Members of the Select meeting (which Appears to be by the advice of that Meeting) proposed that the publick appearance of Daniel Aldrich be Approved of, the same is referd till Next monthly Meeting for Consideration.

Smithfield lower house preparative meeting By their Minute in the 9th mo. Informing that John Potter of Scituate hath been as A Soldier in ~~the Army~~ An Alarm; Thereupon this Meeting this Meeting Appoints Rufus Smith Benjamin Arnold, Joseph Bassett & Moses Brown to Treat with him concerning said Conduct & report to Next monthly Meeting.

At our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 28th 12th mo. 1780 the Meeting being Convened the Representatives Appearing from the preparative Meetings Are From Smithfield Upper house Joseph Bassett & Elisha Thornton

Uxbridge David Wadsworth & Josiah Shove

Smithfd. Lower house Amasa Gray & Elihu Bowen Jr. —

A certificate Recommending Benjamin Lapham to the Care of Whoosock Saratoga monthly meeting was prepared in this Meeting Approved of & signed by the Clerk, A Copy of Benjamin's Acknowledgement is Orderd to be sent to the Monthly Meeting at Hoosock for them to publish them if they think ~~proper~~ best & the Clerk is Desired to forward the same.

The Matter respecting Daniel Aldrich's publick Appear
ance

Appearance is Again Refer'd to Next monthly Meeting by reason of the Women's Meeting not having been Informed of the Matter till this time.—

This Meeting is Informed that the Testimonies of Isaac Chace & Seth Gifford's Denials have been read According to the Directions of Last monthly Meeting.—

The Meeting Adjourns to the 10th hour tomorrow.—

29th day Met By Adjournment, the Representatives being Called were All present.—

The Visitors Made Report which being read & Accepted is As follows, "To the Monthly meeting held at Smithfield 28th 12mo 1780. We being Appointed Visitors with our Friend Moses Farnum Deceased have proceeded as We found our Minds drawn & Engaged therein from time time & have Visited most of the Families within or belonging to this Monthly Meeting & can say tho we met with Close Tryals & hard Labour through Opposeing Spirits in A few Instances, yet in the general it was rather pleasant & we believe our Labours were generally Well Accepted, & at times we were favord with the Uniteing presence in An Especial manner, Whereby Our hearts were humbled, & our Spirits Tendered & enabled to Sing the Master's praise, & to say in Sincerity of heart thy love is better than Wine, & thine Ointment than All Spices; And we believe it was A Strengthening time to Divers Families; And we hope that Necessary & usefull practice of Visiting Families May Not be Neglected, but that there may be some yet among Us, whose minds may be so loose from the Cares of this World, that they May go forth Under A Sense of the weight of the Work & be Enabled to Administer Suitable Counsell & advice to those Whom they Visit & through faithfulness Witness the

The Answer of well done, which is A rich reward, & of far Superior Value to All Earthly Riches.

Thomas Steere Benjamin Arnold
Daniel Aldrich David Buffum

Whereupon some of them Desired to be dismiss'd from that Service, & this Meeting thinking it might be best to Make A Reappointment, do dismiss all the Friends under the former Appointments, And Appoint our Friends, Thomas Steere Job Scott, Oziel Wilkinson, Daniel Aldrich & David Buffum Visitors in this Meeting & to proceed to Visit Friends Families As Truth may open the way, & report their proceedings to this Meeting in the 12th mo. Next Year, & it is recommended to the Consideration of next monthly Meeting to make An addition if they think proper.

The Comttee to Visit the Meetings report which being Accepted is As follows. "Agreable to Appointment we have visited Richmond, & several of us, most of the Other Meetings At Richmond some of us Visited most of the Families to Some Satisfaction, we also had A Conference with Friends there Respecting their great need of A meeting house, & endeavoured to revive in them A further Tryal to be of One mind respecting the place, & if they could be agreed, that they would notify the monthly Meeting thereof, not doubting but the Meeting would readily fall in ~~with~~ therewith, & appoint some of them to Carry it on, & whether they Move the Matter to the Meeting or Not, we Are of Opinion that the Meeting will do well to Appoint some Richmond Friends to proceed & get A house built. — Moses Brown Oziel Wilkinson

Thomas Lapham Elisha Thornton
Robert Wilkinson

And Respecting the proposals in the report concerning building A Meeting house this Meeting Appointd David Wadsworth, Reuben Smith~~field~~ Jacob Arnold, Amias Mowry & Benja. Smith A Comtee. to Visit Richmond Again & Endeavour that Friends be Agreed to build A house on the Lott Agreed on by this Meeting some time past or some other place that may be agreed to & to & to take A Deed of the Lott & propose An Alteration in the Bigness of the house, if Any from the former Conclusion Appears Necessary, Also to Nominate such Friends there as they may think Suitable to Carry on & build said house, & report to next Monthly Meeting —

The Comtee. to Consider of Asa Aldrich's removing Report that they have most of them been at the place, & find no Friend settled there, & the distance being About thirteen Miles from Richmond, the nearest Friends Meeting & considering all Circumstances they could not encourage but did rather discourage his Moving Yet thot but that he be at Liberty to move if he cannot be Easy otherwise, said Report is to Satisfaction of this Meeting —

The Matter of Williams Lapham's having A Certificate was considered, & the meeting granted one to the Monthly Meeting of Hoosock & Saratoga, Signed by Benjamin Arnold in behalf of the Meeting. — Three of the Comtee. to Labour with Jonathan Potter for the Conduct mentioned last month Report that they have had An Opportunity with him & he appeared very reserved, therefore Upon the Whole the Comtee. Appearing willing to take Another Opportunity it is refered to Next monthly Meeting, for the Comtee. to treat further with him & then Report —

George Comstock reports that Caleb Buffum hath been Informed of his Denial & right of Appeal, & the Testimony of his denial being read & Approved of was signed by the Clerk & ordered to be

Lodged

Lodged on file, & Elisha Thorntorn is Appointed to read said Testimony at the Close of A meeting At uxbridge & report to next monthly Meeting —

A Letter from Hoosock & Saratoga Monthly Meeting respecting Nathan Comstock in Answer to one from this Meeting in the 12mo. last, being read & it not being fully Understood whether they thought his life & conversation is such that it might be safe for this Meeting to pass by his Misconduct & recommend him to that monthly meeting; thereupon George Comstock is Appointed to write that Meeting for A more Intelligable Answer.

George Comstock is Appointed to read the testimony of Richard Buffums Denial At the Close of A meeting At this house & report to next monthly Meeting —

The Queries & Answers from the preparative Meetings with General Answers Composed therefrom were read, the general Answers Approved of & Inserted in the Account to the Quarterly Meeting, which also was Approved of & signed by the Clerk & Benjamin Arnold Augustus Lapham & Thomas Arnold Are Appointed Representatives therein —

It is concluded to raise £ 800„ for the use of the Monthly Meeting & the Preparative Meetings Are desired to Contribute in their Freedom & send the money to the Treasurer & an Acct. to Next monthly Meeting — 12mo. 1780.

Thomas Lapham Clerk

At our Monthly Meeting of Friends held At Smithfield 25th 1mo. 1781. The Meeting being convened the Representatives Appearing from the Preparative Meetings Are —

From Smithfield Upper house Elisha Kelly & Amos Baker
Uxbridge William Basset & John Bowen
Smithfield Lower house Augustus Lapham & Caleb Greene

The Epistle from the Last quarterly Meeting was read

to

To satisfaction ~

The Matter of Makeing An Addition to the Visitors appointed last month is refer'd to next Monthly Meeting

The Comtt.ee Appointed Inform that they have been to Richmond & desire the Meeting to Refer the Matter two mo[n]ths, therefor the same is refer'd, the Comtt.ee to Report to this meeting in the 3rd mo Next

Two of the Comtt.ee to Labour with Jonathan Potter Report that they have taken A further Opportunity with him, & that he still appeard to Decline giving Answers to Queries Asked him but said he did not know he had Any Desire Friends Should wait longer on him ~ Upon which no Friend mentioning a desire to further Labour with him, This Meeting concludes to put him from Under the Care of Friends, & he is hereby put from Under the Care of Our Society As A member, & our Friend Thomas Steere & Joseph Farnum Are Appointed to Inform him of his denial & right of Appeal & draw A Testimony of his Denial & bring to Next monthly Meeting ~

The Women Inform that they have Considerd the Matter of Daniel Aldrich's Publick Appearance & desire the same to be refer'd tile Next monthly Meeting, Accordingly it is refer'd ~~tile that time~~

Elisha Thornton reports that he read the Testimony of Caleb Buffum's Denial Accord.g to Appointm.t

George Comstock not having fulfill'd his Appointment respecting Richard Buffum, is Continued for that Service, & report to next monthly Meeting, he having Assigned A Satisfactory reason for Not reading the Testimony last month ~

Smithfield Upper house Preparative Meeting Informing that they have Subscribed for the Monthly Meetings Use £14.4
Uxbridg Mention they have begun a Subscription
Smithfield Lower house the sum of ——— £8.8.5.2
& expect to make An Addition Next month ~

The Lower house preparative Meeting inform that Samuel

Samuel Howland proposes Moving to Nine Partners with his Family, Whereupon this Meeting Appoints Benjamin Arnold Thomas Steer, Jabez Wing & Rufus Smith to Advise with him concerning his Moving, & report to next monthly Meeting. Said Meeting also Informing that Nicholas Easton hath for some time kept Company with A young woman from Rhode Island who the Meeting Understood was before the late regulation of Discipline A member of that Monthly Meeting, & that said Nicholas supposing her A member did Contract marriage with her Therefore the preparative Meeting desires this Meeting's advice therin, Whereupon Our Friends Elijah Thornton, Joseph Congdon George Comstock, David Farnum, Rufus Smith, Daniel Aldrich Thomas Steere & Joseph Bassett, Are Desired to take the Matter into Consideration & inspect it as far as they May think Necessary & report their Sense thereof to Next monthly Meeting ~

The proposals for Subscribing for John Griffiths Journals Communicated to this Meeting by the Meeting for Sufferings being Considered our Friends William Buffum David Farnum & Augustus Lapham Are desired to take Subscriptions & communicate the Same to the Treasurer of that Meeting as soon As may be. ~ This Meeting being Informed that Antipas Earl proposes to Make A Visit to his Brothers in the Nine partners Monthly Meeting & desires A line from this Meeting signifying that he is A member, Therefore this May Certify that he is A member in Unity & this Meeting Approves of his Intention. the Clerk is desired to give him A Copy of this Minute

Thomas Lapham Clerk

At our Monthly Meeting of Friends held At Smithfield 22^{d} of the 2^{d} m^{o}. 1781. the Meeting being convened the Representatives appearing from the Prepar^{e}. Meetings Are

From. Smithf^{d}. Upperhouse Joseph Comstock & Rufus Smith
Uxbridge Joseph Mosher
Smithf^{d}. Lowerhouse Thomas Steere & Job Scott

The matter Respecting making An Addition to the Visitors being Opened ~~before~~ in this Meeting, Our Friend George Smith & Elisha Thornton Are Appointed in Addition to the Visitors last appointed

Thomas Steere Reports that he with the Company of Several Friends hath Informed Jonathan Potter According to Appointmt. Joseph Farnum Its attending, & A Testimony of his Denial being presented & read is Approved of And Signed by the Clerk & lodged On file the Womens Meeting being Small this day by reason of the difficulty of Traveling, the Matter Respecting Daniel Aldrich's publick Appearance is refered to next monthly Meeting. — George Comstock reports that he hath fulfilled the Appointment respecting Richard Buffum. the

The Comtee appointed Reports as follows we of the Comtee Appointed to Visit & advise Samuel Howland Relating to his removal out of these parts, have mad A Visit to him & family, & find by the Account he gave us that he hath by Agreement Sold his Real Estate in these parts, & purchased or agreed to purchase At the Nine partners in New York Government, so we found but little room to advise in the affair, he signified to Us that he Endeavoured to Acquaint the Monthly Meeting with his Intention sooner, but the Message failed by reason the Messenger was unwell —

To the Monthly Meeting this 22d of the Deco. 1781. Thomas Steere
Benja. Arnold Rufus Smith

And he the said Samuel requesting of this meeting by Writing Certificates for himself & Children Under Age to the Nine partner Monthly Meeting, This Meeting Not being Satisfied in that Matter, the Comtee Appointed last month Are Continued to have the Necessary Care thereof & report their Sense thereon to next monthly Meeting —

The Comtee in the Care of Nicholas Easton Inform that they have been Upon that Business, but not Come to A Conclusion so as to be ready to Report: therefore they Are Continued for that Service & our Friend William Buffum & Thomas Lapham Are Added to them, They to Report to next monthly Meeting. — The Upper house preparative Meetg. Inform that George Southwick, son of Jonathan, has A mind to Move back into some of the New Settlements, & desires the advice of Friends. Whereupon Jacob Arnold, George Comstock William Basset & David Buffum Are Appointed to treat with him Upon the Subject & report their sense thereon to Next monthly meeting.

Jonathan Gaskill reports that the Testimony of Jonathan Cass's Denial hath been read According to Appointmt. Uxbridge Preparative Meeting Inform that Daniel Cass Jur. proposed to lay his Intention of Marriage with Lydia Trout & they Appearing in this Meeting declared their Intention of takeing Each other in marriage & were desired to Come to Next Mothly Meeting for An Answer. Our Friends Jonathan Gaskill Jos. Mosher & Antipas Earle Are Appointed to Enquire into his Clearness in that Respect, & report to next monthly Meeting

Uxbridge Prepative Meeting Also Inform that Abraham Brown hath Married out of the Order of Friends Whereupon Jonathan Gaskill & Joseph Wing Are Appointed to Labour with him for his Recovery & report to next Monthly Meeting

Also said Meeting Informs that David Sheppard & his Son David propose to Move back to Dartmouth with their Families & desire Certificates to that monthly Meeting, wherefore our Friends David Farnum, Daniel Aldrich, George Smith & William Buffum Are Appointed to Enquire into their Circumstances & report to next monthly Meeting.

Amasa Gray presented An Account of £2.5 hard

Hard money for Discharging house Rent for the Poor from Rhode Island, the Same having passed the Audit, this Mtg Approves thereof & certified the Same to the Meeting for Sufferings

Uxbridge prepative Meeting Inform that they have Subscribed for the Use of the Monthly Meeting One bushell Rye
Smithfd Lower house inform they have Subscribed } & £16..10..1
in Addition to the last prepative Meeting Subscription £11..10..6

The Meeting for Sufferings Inform by a Minute that they have had under Consideration the procuring A number of Bibles from Abroad to Supply Friends ~~that~~ that Stand in Need of them: Thereupon our Friends Caleb Greene Jaazaniah Barret Jonathan Gaskill; Antipas Earle & Jonathan Mowry Are desired to make Inspection & take in Subscriptions of the Sorts & numbers Wanting & report to next monthly Meeting.

Our Friends Isaac Lawton Joshua Davis & Joseph Mitchell of the Quarterly Meetings Comttee to Visit the Monthly Meetings Were at this Meeting & their Labour & services Were to good Satisfaction. The Meeting for Sufferings having Received A printed General Epistle from the Yearly Meeting in London Last year got A Number of Copies printed, part of which were sent to this Meeting & they Are Orderd to be distributed for the Use of Friends.

Thomas Lapham

At A monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfd the 29th 3mo 1781. The Meeting being convened the Representatives Appearing from the Preparative Meetings Are
from Smithfd Upper-house Richard Estes & Benjn Peirce
Uxbridge Samuel Fowler & James Smith.
Lower house John Walker & Rufus Smith the younger;

Walter Allen & Daniel Allen presented Certificates of Removal

From Sandwich Mothly Meeting dated 23d Instant which were read & Accepted. Also George Kelley presented a Certificate of removal from said Mothly Meeting dated the 1st. 9th mo. last the Same was read & Accepted.

William Lapham returned the Certificate he had from this meeting in the 12th mo. last to the monthly Meeting of Norfork & Saratoga with An Indorsement thereon which was read to satisfaction — The Matter respecting Daniel Aldrich's publick Appearance is again referd to next monthly Meeting for Consideration

The Comtee. continued last month respecting Samuel Howland's moving to Nine partners Monthly Meeting Report that some of them have made Enquiry & dont find but he has settled his outward Affairs to satisfaction, therefore this Mtg. Certified the same to that meeting includeing those of his Children who are ~~the~~ members of this Meeting, viz, Jonathan Solomon, Esther, Rhoda, Alse, Cynthe, Truelove & Timothy Howland, the same was signed by the Clerk of this Meeting & sent to the Women's Meeting to be signed there —

The Comttee. respecting Nicholas Easton's Case Report which being read & Accepted is as follows. —

We of the Comtee. Appointed to Consider of the Matter of Nicholas Eastons Contracting Marriage with a young Woman from Rhode-Island Whom Nicholas Says he ~~thought~~ was A member of our Society, But that monthly Meeting says, she was not considerd as A member Among them, Are of Opinion that it might be well to advise said Nicholas to ~~Desist~~ Endeavour to desist from the Matter by proper Consent, & see whether the

The way may not open in the Council of truth, to more satisfaction than Any thing that At present Appears

28th 3 mo. 1781.

Thomas Steere
Daniel Aldrich Rufus Smith
Thomas Lapham. George Comstock
Wm Buffum, Elisha Thornton Joseph Rassell

Thereupon this Meeting Appoints Elisha Thornton, Job Scott & Moses Brown to Tenderly treat with Nicholas & the young Women Upon the Subject & communicate the Above advice to them & report to next monthly Meeting.

The Comtee. to Treat with George Southwick Report that they have had An Opportunity with him & think it best to leave him at Liberty to make Tryal for A Settlement at the Eastward Near Penebsk, where his mind seemes to be Turned, the same is Approved by this Meeting.

The Friends Appointed Report that they find Nothing of weight to hinder Daniel Cass Jur. from proceeding in Marriage with Lydia Sweet as proposed last month, & they Appearing in this Meeting recd. their Answer in Order for Marriage & our Friends Antipas Earl & Joseph Mosher Are Appointed to see the same Consumated & report to Next Monthly Meeting

Daniel Allen & Mary Smith Appeared in this Meeting & declared their Intentions of takeing Each other in Marriage the same having been laid before the preparative Meeting, & he produceing A Certificate from Sandwich signifying his Clearness in that respect they were desired to Come to next monthly Meeting for An Answer, & as he hath resided some time within the Verge of this Monthly Meeting Our Friends Elisha Kelly & David Farnum Are desired to Inspect into his further Clearness & report to next Monthly Meeting

This Meeting Adjourns to the Conclusion of A publick Meeting which is Appointed to be held at this house at the 11th hour Tomorrow

30th day met by Adjournment. —
The Representatives being called Are all present
The Comtee to labor with Abraham Brown Report in writing
the substance of which is that he appeared in Measure Sensible
of his Outgoings, but thought himself not Able to make Satisfaction
But desires Friends to wait ~~longer~~ on him, which they thot
best, Therefore that matter is continued under the Care of
the same Comtee for further Labor they to Report to Next Monthly
Meeting. Daniel Aldrich Reports that he & the other of
the Comtee Respecting David Shepard & son David Moving to
Dartmouth, have made the Necessary Inquiry & find Nothing
to hinder their Moving, therefore the Comtee is desired to pre-
pare Certificates for them & bring to next monthly Meeting.
The Comtee Respecting Bibles not having Compleated the
the Subscriptions, Are desired to Compleate the Same & send An Account
to the Meeting for Sufferings, & also Return An Acct to our Next
Monthly Meeting. — Smithfield Upper house prepatve Meetg
Informing that David Borman proposes Moving within the bounds
of Falmouth Monthly Meeting & desires Friends Advice therein
Thereupon Our Friends Elisha Kelley & Amanias Mowry
& George Smith Are Appointed to Confer with him Upon the Subject of
Advise as may Appear to them best & report to next Mothly Meeting
The Comtee to Visit Richmond report which being read is Accepted
& is as follows "We of the Comtee Appointed in the 12th mo. last to
to visit Richmond Again Respecting Building A Meetinghouse
there have in Consequence thereof been to Richmond & had A Con-
ference with Friends On the Matter, & after some time waiting it
Now appears that Friends there Are All agreed on the place A little
Northerly from Daniel Cass's Right the Road, said Daniel

proposes to give Land Enough for A house Lott, which we think May Answer the purpose & general Satisfaction, we think the same bigness Agreed on before may do for the house, we named Daniel Cass, Jedediah Bussum, Jonathan Gaskill & Abraham Randall to build the house. ~

To the Monthly Meeting At Smithfd by Adjournment 30th 3 mo: 1781. Jacob Arnold, Rufus Smith, David Wadsworth
Annanias Mowry Jr. Benja. Smith ~

And the Friends therein Named Are desired to build said house, & make Report of their proceedings to A future Meeting & Jedediah Bussum Jonathan Gaskill & Abraham Randall Are desired to procure A deed of said Lott, & also of the Burying ground & report to this Meeting when Accomplished. ~

Smithfield Upper house preparative Meeting Informing that Jacob Arnold proposes Moving to the Oblong or Nine partners monthly Meetg & desires Friends advice therein, thereupon Rufus Smith, David Bussum, Daniel Aldrich Joseph Comstock Are Appointed to Confer with & advise him As way may open & report to Next Monthly Meeting ~

Smithfield Lower house preparative Meetg. Inform that Reuben Blanchard has thots of moving out of the Verge of this Mothly Meeting. Also said preparative Meeting desires this Meetings advice respecting the Meeting at the Widow Aldrich's & Scituate As [illegible] expected Several Friends where they Are held Are about to move, Whereupon Our Friends Elisha Thornton Jabez Wing David Bussum, Benja. Arnold Oziel Wilkinson Are appointed to take them Matters into Consideration & visit the Meetings & advise them as Truth may Open the way, & report their Sence thereon to next monthly Meeting. ~

The Women Inform that they have Accepted the Children of Asa & Elizabeth Mann Under the Care of Our Society. ~

And Disowned Anna Aldrich Wife of Samuel Aldrich

Our Friends Benjamin Smith & Jonathan Arnold Are desired to make provision for horse keeping at the lower Meeting house in Smithfield for the ensuing quarterly Meeting & report the Expence thereof to preparative Meetg.

It appearing that the Deed of the Meeting house Lott at Providence requires A revival, & that the fence round the Lott is much out of Order, Upon which this Meeting Appoints Thomas Arnold Daniel Anthony & Thomas Lapham to procure A revival of the Deed, & consider what is best to be done respecting the fence & report to Next monthly Meeting. —

The queries with Answers from the preparative Meetings And the general Answers Composed therefrom were read & the Several & the general Answers were Inserted in Epistle. to the quarterly Meetg. which being read & Approved of were signed by the Clerk, & the Representatives therein Named are Thomas Steere, Benja. Smith Ozial Wilkinson.. Smithfd. Upper house preparative Meetg. Inform that they have raised for the Monthly Meetings Use £9.7.4

Our Esteemed Friend David Brooks & Seth Coffin his Companion Attended this Meeting & produced their Certificates Dated at deep river in Guilford County North Carolina the 2d. 10th mo. 1780. which was read to Satisfaction, & our Esteemed Friend John Hormon & Thos. Scattergood from Pensylvania Accompanying them in their religious visit in these parts, & attending this Meeting, When David & Johns Labors in the Gospell have been to our Comfort, & their Conversation & Company, as also that of Seth & Thomas being Acceptable & becoming their Station, the Clerk is Directed to give Each of them A Copy of this Minute

At our Monthly Meeting of Friends held At Smithfd. the 26th day of the 4th mo 1784. the Meeting being Convened the Representatives Appearing from the Preparative Meetings Are
From Smithfd. Upperhouse George Arnold & Amos Baker
Uxbridge David Wadsworth & James Smith
Lower house Benja. Arnold & Smith Brown

Joseph Cooke who requested the Care of Friends at Smithfd. Upper house preparative Meeting Appearing in this Meeting & like continuing his request. Our Friends Rufus Smith the Younger George Comstock James Smith & Ananias Mowry Are desired to take a Solid Opportunity with him Concerning the Motive of his request & suitableness of being admitted A Member of our Society, & report to Next monthly Meeting.

The Epistle from our last quarterly Meeting was read to satisfaction; Also a Copy of a Minute from the Meeting for Sufferings was read And & approved of & is as follows" At our Meeting for Sufferings held at Smithfield the 13th. 4mo. 1781 .. It being the Concern of this Meeting to Recommend to the Several Monthly Meetings that they Consistant with our Antient Testimony refuse the paymt. of all Taxes Expresly or Especially for the Support of war, whether Called for in Money provisions Cloathing Or Otherwise, & that Accounts of Distraints for Such Taxes be sent up to this Meeting before our Next Yearly Meeting. And that such Friends who [illegible] Actively pay such Taxes be dealt with as disorderly Walkers We also advise that all Friends Carefully Avoid discourageing A tender Scruple which may Arise in the Minds of Our Brethren respecting the payment of Such Taxes part whereof is Evidently for the Support of war; And that all be Careful to manifest by a Steady Consistant Conduct, that they singly Aim to Experience An Advancement in the truth

A Copy of A Minute of sd. Meeting Compared by
Moses Brown Clerk

NB it is also Concluded that our next Yearly Meeting be held at Smithfield as in 1779. And Friends Are desired to attend to & observe the Advice therein.

Moses Farnum being Deceased who was Appointed to Collect Friends Sufferings in Uxbridge preparative Meeting, this Meeting Appoints Jaazaniah Barrit to Supply that place

Rufus Smith Informed this Meetg. in behalf of the
Schools

School Comtee: that they have treated with Luke Aldrich One of the Trustees Respecting the Donation to Friends in Rachel Thayer's Will, & that he is willing to give Up his Trust & pay the Money & Securaties in his hands to the Monthly Meeting Thereupon this Meeting Appoints Thomas Arnold David Wadsworth William Buffum to treat upon & settle that affair with him On as Equitable Terms as may be for both him & Friends, & to receive the Same of him & give Sufficient Discharges in behalf of this Meeting & make Return to next monthly Meeting —

The Friends to Enquire into Daniel Atkins Clearness respecting Marriage, Report that they find nothing to hinder his proceeding as proposed last month; And he with Mary Smith Appeared in this Meeting & recd: their Answer in order for Marriage & William Buffum & George Arnold Are Appointed to see the same Consummated & report to next monthly Meeting. —

John Bowen & Phebe Congdon Appeared in this Meeting & declared their Intentions of takeing Each other in Marriage ~~the Same having been laid before the preparative Meetings~~ Whereupon our Friends David Farnum & David Wadsworth Are Appointed to Enquire into his Clearness in that Respect & report to next Mothly Meeting — The Wiemen Inform they have Accepted Hannah Eddy a Member of our Society — And also that they in the 11mo. last Accepted Marcy Wilkinson, a Child of Robert Wilkinson Under the Care of Friends

The Matter of Daniel Aldrich's Publick appearance is Again refered to the Consideration of Next monthly Meeting

*The Friends Appointed Report that the Marriage of Daniel Cass Jur. was Consummated in An Orderly Manner According to their Observation; two of the Comttee. ~~Appointed to Report~~ in the Matter of Nicholas Easton not being present, the Comtee is desired to Report to next monthly Meeting

* ~~Except the Comtee. in the Matter of Nicholas Easton not being present the Comttee Are desired to Report to Next monthly Meeting.~~

The Comtee Respecting Abraham Brown not being present that Matter is refer'd to next monthly Meeting.

The Friends having Neglected the Appointment respecting David Sheppard & son Are desired to Compleat the Same & report to next monthly Meeting.

The Friends Respecting Bibles Report as follows

And the Clerk is desired to Send a Copy to the Meeting for Sufferings.

Two of the Comtee to Confer with David Borman Respecting Moving, Report that they have had An Opportunity with, & thought well of his going down towards or near Kennebec to look out for a Settlement.

The Comtee to Confer with Jacob Arnold respecting Moving Report that they have treated with Jacob & family & think that the way is not fully Clear for him to move at present therefore that Matter is refer'd under the Care of the Committee they to report in the Seventh mo. next or sooner if Necessary

The Comtee to treat with Reuben Blanchard on Moving Report that he expects to get a place to live at in Scituate

The said Comtee not having fully compleated their Appointment respecting the Meetings, they are desired to fulfil the Same & report to next monthly Meeting.

The Comtee Respecting Providence Meetinghouse Lott Not having fully Compleated the Appointm. Are desired to compleat the Same & report to next monthly Meeting.

Smithfd. Upper house Preparative Meeting Informing that Saml. Gaskill hath very much Neglected the Assembling himself with

With Friends in their Meetings, & attended Frollicks & huskings, & such Vain & wicked Companies, & hath Made publish his Intentions of Marriage with one not of our Society: Whereupon Our Friends Jonathan Mowry Adam Harkness Jur. Elisha Kelley Edmond Arnold Are Appointed to labor with him for his recovery & report to next monthly Meeting — Smithfield Lower house preparative Meeting Informing that Elisha Steere presented A paper of Acknowledgement desiring to be restored again to membership, Upon Which this Meetg. Appoints Joseph Congdon, David Buffum Ozeil Wilkinson & Joseph Southwick & Daniel Anthony, to Treat with him Upon the Subject & report their sense thereof to next monthly meeting

A few lines was Indorsed Upon the Back of John Gorton's Certificate from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting Signifying that the Town of Newport where the said John Lives, is much Nearer the monthly Meeting held At Hampton & Halestown & further from us than we consider our bounds to Extend the same was signed by the Clerk. —

Our Representatives to last Quarterly Meeting Inform that the said Meeting desired this Meeting to Confer with Swanzey & Greenwich Monthly Meetings Respecting the bounds between this Meeting & them. Thereupon Joseph Congdon Caleb Greene Jonathan Arnold & Joseph Farnum Are desired to confer with said Monthly Meetings & settle the Bounds in behalf of this Meeting & report as soon As they Conveniently can — — — — Thomas Lapham Clerk

At our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 31st 5th mo. 1781 – The Meeting being Convened the Representatives Appearing from the Preparative Meetings Are –

from Smithfd. Upperhouse Joseph Bussum & George Smith
Uxbridge – Joseph Southwick & David Farnum
Lowerhouse David Steere & Thomas Lapham –

Thomas Lapham having served as Clerk to this Meeting for A long time & now desireing to be dismissd this meeting after conversing thereon do refer the Same to the Consideration of Next Monthly Meeting. –

The Comttee. to Treat with Joseph Cook concerning his requesting the Care of Friends Report that they have had An Opportunity with him & think best that Matter be refered, therefore it is [illegible] continued Under the Care of the Comttee. they to Report to next monthly Meeting. – The Comttee. Appointed report that they have all had An Opportunity with Elisha Steere & some of them Several Times, & think it may be safe to Accept A paper of Acknowledgemt. from him, the same being read the Meeting Accepted thereof & passes by his Misconduct & receives him into Membership again. –

And Joseph Farnum is desired to read said Acknowledgment At the Close of A meeting held ~~at~~ in the Neighbourhood Where Elisha dwells & report to next monthly Meeting. –

The Comttee. Appointed last month to Treat with Luke Smith one of the Trustees in Rachel Thayers will not having compleated the Appointment, by reason of the Loss in the Depreciation of the Money, & the Comttee. desireing An Addition is Continued, thereupon our Friends David Steere Jacob Arnold & Thos. Lapham are added to them they to endeavour to Accomplish the Appointment & report to the ~~&~~ Monthly Meeting in the 8th mo. next or sooner if Necessary

The Friends Appointed Report that they Attended the Marriag
of Daniel Allen, & discoverd nothing but it was Conducted
in An Orderly Manner.—

The Friends to Enquire into the Clearness of John Brown Report that by Enquiry they find nothing to hinder his proceeding in Marriage with Phebe Congdon; & they Appearing in this Meeting Recd. their Answer in Order for Marriage, & our Friends Job Scott & Caleb Greene Are desired to See the Same Consummated & report to next monthly Meeting.—

The Women Inform that they have put Phebe Bartlet from Under the Care of Our Society As a Member.—

The Matter of Daniel Aldrich's publick Appearance being Opened in this Meeting, & many Friends of this Meeting as well as the Women's Meeting having Express'd their Approbation of his publick Appearance in the Ministry, & no Friend Manifesting the Contrary in this Meeting, Therefore the Same is Approved of & ordered to be Sent to the next Quarterly meeting.—

The Comtee. to Treat with Nicholas Easton & Abigail Earl Respecting the Matter reported in the 3 mo. last Report that they have had An Opportunity with them & communicated Friends Advice As directed, & that they Appeared to receive their Visit very kindly, therefore the Comtee. is Dismiss'd, & Friends Are desired to have a Tender care towards them as way may open

The Matter respecting Abraham Brown is Again referd under the Care of the Said Comtee. they to report to next monthly Meetg.

The Friends Appointed presented Certificates directed to Dartmouth monthly Meeting for David Sheppard Wife & Children, & david Sheppard Junr. Wife & Children, they being read Are Approved of & Signed by the Clerk

The Comtee. respecting the Meetings At Situate &c not having fully Compleated the Appointment, Are continued for that Service & to report to Next Monthly Meeting. –

The Ensuing Yearly meeting being Appointed to be held at this house It is concluded that the Several Meetings belonging to this Meeting Except Richmond be discontinued the day before & during the time of the Yearly Meeting, & Friends are desired to give timely Notice thereof to said Meeting. –

The Comtee. Appointed Report which being Approved of is As follows – "We of the Comtt. to procure A new deed of the Meeting house Lott in Providence & to Consider what may be best to be done respecting the Fence have taken them Matters into consideration & upon Examination find there has been two deeds made of that Lott, the former of which is made nearly in the form made Use of at present, which together with A writing we have procured from the Grantees setting forth the Uses, we think sufficiently secures the Title. the wal round said Lott Appears to be falling down & much needs repairing, but Considering the difficulty of the Times, & the Expence of repairing (which we think would Amount to near 200 dollars) we thought it might be as well to be making some preparations to do it next Year, unless the Meeting should prefer doing it now All Which we submit to the Meeting. –

31. 5mo. 1781 –

Daniel Anthony
Thomas Lapham
Thos. Arnold

Thomas Arnold & Daniel Anthony Are desired to get the writing Mentioned in Said Report Recorded in Providence Town Records, & return the Same to this Meeting When Done.

The Friends Appointed Report that they have treated with Samuel Gaskill, & laboured with him & he owned the Matter mentioned

Mentioned agst. him Last monthly to be true, & knew they were Contrary to our Rules, & part he Condemned to be wrong in Words, but gave little if Any Encouragemt. of Amendment yet the Meeting considering his Age which being About seventeen years, do desire the Comtt. to take An other Opportunity with him in order To reclaim him if it may be. And report to next monthly Meeting. — Smithfd. Upper house preparative Meeting Informing that David Bowman desires A Certificate of Removal to Falmouth Monthly Meeting in Salem Quarter, thereupon this Meeting Appoints Elisha Kelly & George Arnold to inquire into his Circumstances & report to next monthly Meeting

The Comttee. to Assist in Settling Boundaries between this Meeting Swanzey & Greenwich Monthly Meeting which being read & Accepted is As follows" — We the Subscribers being Appointed by the Monthly Meeting of Swanzey & Smithfield to Settle & fix Upon A Line between said Meetings having met & mutually agreed Upon & fixed A Line As follows Viz. to begin at the mouth of Barrington river, to Extend up said River through Barrington, till it comes to Ichabod Bowen's mill, All to westward of said River to belong to Smithfd. Monthly Meeting from thence Northerly to William Sabin's house in Rehoboth, from thence the Directest road Northerly to Mann's the Innholder in Wrentham, near the presbyterian Meeting house, from thence to Continue the Post road towards Boston till it Comes to Salem Quarter if need require

Rehoboth 5mo. 21. 1781. —

Eber Chace Joseph Congdon
Caleb Greene John Chace 2d Levi Blunt
Joseph Farnum Jonathan Arnold Jr.

The Comttee. is desired to proceed to finish the Other part of the Appointmt. & report to next monthly Meeting. The Comttee. to take in Subscriptions for Schools Are desired to Send An Acct. to the Next ~~month~~ meeting for Sufferings, & also return An Acct. to the Next ~~meeting~~ Monthly Meeting

Thomas Lapham Clerk —

At our Monthly Meeting of Friends held At Smithfd the 28th. 6th mo. 1781 the Meeting being Convened the Representatives appearing from the preparative Meetings Are –
from Smithfd. Upperhouse Rufus Smith & Adam Harkness Jur.
Uxbridge John Walker & Benedict Arnold
Smithfield Lowerhouse Caleb Greene & David Steere

A Certificate of Removal for George Crane from Swansey Monthly Meetg. dated 4th. Instant was read & accepted

The Comtee. Respecting Joseph Cook Report that they think he is Sincere in requesting the Care of Friends, & think well of the Same being granted, thereupon he is Accepted A Member of our Society. Joseph Farnum Reports that he Read the paper from Elisha Steere According to Appointment

The Matter respecting Abraham Brown is again refered to next Monthly Meeting, the Comtee. then to Report, they Not being present at this time.

The Comtee. Respecting the Meeting At Scituate &c having done something in that Appointment, but not Compleated the same, Are desired to fulfil that Appointment & report to next Monthly Meeting. –

The Comtee. to further treat with Samuel Gaskill Report that they have had A further Opportunity with him, & do not find Sufficient Encouragement to propose to Friends to wait longer On him, therefore this Meeting disowns Unity with him the the said Samuel Gaskill, & hereby puts him from Under the Care of Friends As a Member, & George Comstock & Elisha Kelley are desired to Inform him of his Denial & right of Appeal And draw A testimony of his Denial & report to next monthly Meeting

The Matter refered to the Consideration of this Meeting respecting dismissing Thomas Lapham from serving Any longer as Clerk being revived, & considering his having served this Meeting a long

Long time to general Satisfaction Do release him from said Service & appoint our Friend Thomas Arnold Clerk to the Meeting in his Stead.

One of the Friends Appointed to see the Marriage of John Bowen & Phebe Congdon consumated Reports that they attended the Same & that it was Conducted in An orderly Manner

The Friends Appointed to Enquire into the Circumstances of David Borman in respect to Removal, report that they have made Enquiry & it appears he has settled his Outward Affairs to Satisfaction, Whereupon this Meeting Gave him A Certificate directed to the Monthly Meeting of Falmouth At Cascobay signed by the Clerk —

The Matter respecting further Settling the Boundaries of this Monthly Meeting is referred to next monthly Meeting Under the Care of the Comttee they then to Report

The Comttee to take in Subscriptions for the School Not having sent up An Accot to the Meeting for Sufferings as requested last month they Are desired to send up the same to next monthly Meeting.

Smithfd upper house preparative meeting having sent Up An Acknowledgement presented by George Smith Junr Condemning his Misconduct & desiring to be again recd Under the Care of Friends, Whereupon Adam Harkness, William Bassett Ozial Wilkinson & David Buffum Are Appointed to take A Solid Opportunity with him in order to Discover his Sincerity therein & suitableness of being Restored to Membership with Friends & to make Report to next monthly Meeting

Uxbridge Preparative Meeting Informing that Henry Slade of Paxton has recd A Sum of Money, or Security therefor of two

Men of said Town for the Services of A Negro Boy under his Care, to be employed as A Soldier in the war, whereupon this Meeting Appoints George Comstock, Benjn. Arnold, Samuel Aldrich, Joseph Buffum Rufus Smith & Thomas Arnold to treat with the Said Henry upon the Subject, & otherwise to take Care therein as may Appear Necessary & make report to next monthly Meeting

Smithfd. Lower house Preparative Meeting Sent up two papers of Acknowledgmt. One presented by Jonathan Congdon & One by James Anthony Condemning their misconduct in having gone into frolicking & merriment & desiring Friends to pass by the Same, whereupon this Meeting Appoints Rufus Smith George Smith Robert Wilkinson & Elisha Thornton to take A solid opportunity with them & Endeavour to discover their Sincerity therein & the Suitableness of passing by their Missteps, & make Report to next monthly Meeting

The Monthly Meeting of East Hoosuck Informing this meeting by A few lines that they thought well of Nathan Comstocks having A ~~few lines~~ Certificate from us, & this Meeting having heretofore referd the Matter for their Satisfaction do now Accept the Acknowledgement presented in the 11th mo. 1779 Pass by his Misconduct mentioned therein & restore him to membership again, & a certificate being presented & signed by the Clerk is directed to be forwarded to that Mothly Meeting with a Copy of his Acknowledgmt. The queries were read in this Meeting with Answers thereto from the several Prepat. Meetings & general Answers Composed therefrom & sent up with Anlid. to the quarterly Meeting By Benja. Arnold Elisha Thornton David Farnham & Thomas Lapham who are appointed our Representatives Signed in Said Meeting by Thomas Arnold Clerk

At our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithf: the 26th 7th mo. 1781. - - The Meeting being convined the representatives Appearing from the Prepativ. Meetings Are - from Smithf.d Upperhouse Rufus Smith & Jacob Bartlet
Uxbridge — William Bassett & Jaazaniah Barrett
Lowerhouse Thomas Lapham & Thomas Arnold

David Hill who requested the Care of Friends At the Lower Prepativ. Meeting Appeared in this Meeting & continued his request Whereupon the Meeting Appoints Benjamin Arnold Nehemiah Spreague James Smith & John Holden to take A solid Opportunity With him Concerning the Motives of his request & suitableness of being Rec.d a Member of our Society & make report to next monthly Meeting

The Comtee. in the Care of Abraham Brown not being present that Matter is Again referd Under their Care they to report to next monthly Meeting; & david Wadsworth is added to that committee & desired in Case he Cannot Attend before next monthly Meeting to write a few lines in order to Stir up their Attention to give An Acct. of that Matter

The Comtee. respecting the Meetings that were held at Thomas Stears & widow Aldrich's & that at Scituate having Visited said Meetings & made some progress therein they Are desired still to Attend to that Matter & make A report in writing particular as to the time & place of holding them to next monthly Meeting.

The Women Inform they have Rec.d Elizabeth & Mary Kelton Children of Stephen & waitt Kelton, Also Anna Harris Daughter of David Harris Jun. Under the Care of Friends

The Comtee Report that they have Informed Samuel Gaskill of his Denial & right of Appeal, & presented A Testimony of his Denial which After some Alterations was Approved & signed by the Clerk. The Comtee to Whom was referd the further Settling the Boundaries of this monthly Meeting Made Report in writeing, but it not being Clear to this meeting by said Report how Near the Line, as Settled, will come to the Place where Scituate Meeting is held, the Comtee is desired to take Charge thereof Again & confer with Greenwich Comtee if necessary, And More Clearly Ascertain that matter if may be, & make Report in the 9th mo. or sooner if Accomplished ~

One of the Comtee to take in Subscriptions for the yearly Meeting's School not having Sent Up An Account of What he recd. that Matter is Referd to next month, & they Are desired then to Report. The Comtee in the Case of George Smith Jur. Made Report that they had Taken An Opportunity with him in some degree to Satisfaction, whereupon that matter is referd under their Care they to Report to next monthly Meeting. ~

Four of the Comtee appointed in the Case of Henry Stead Made Report that they had taken An Opportunity with him but not being ripe in Judgment, that matter is referd to next Month in Order to give A further Opportunity they then to Report. ~ The Comtee Appointed to take An Opportunity with Jonathan Congdon & James Anthony Report that they have had One, Affording some good degree of Satisfaction, yet in order that Friends minds may be fully ~~Satisfied~~ eased by their

Consistant Conduct if persevered in, that matter is referd Under the Care of the same Comttee they to report to Next monthly Meeting. Jonathan Arnold having Informed this Meeting by way of the lower Preparative Meeting that he has Aprospect of Attending the the Ensuing Yearly Meeting At Philidelphia, & some Meetings thereaway, & desires A Certificate of Friends Approv thereof, Whereupon Joseph Comstock Elisha Thornton, George Smith, Thomas Lapham, George Comstock & William Buffum Are Appointed to take A Solid Opportunity with him, & Endeavour to feel the Motive of his Concern & suitableness of Granting him A Certificate, & to prepare A Certificate if they think best & make report to next monthly Meeting

A Certificate in behalf of Our Friend Benedict Carpenter directed to the Monthly Meeting held at Harrison's purchase was read in this Meeting & signed by the Clerk

Thomas Arnold Clerk

At our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 30th of the 8th mo 1781. . The Meeting being Convened the Representatives appearing from the Preparative Meetings Are from Smithfd Upperhouse Seth Kelly & Benedict Remington
Uxbridge John Eddy & Daniel Aldrich
Lower house Benjamin Arnold & Joseph Farnum

The Comttee appointed to take An Opportunity with David Hills upon his requesting the Care of Friends, Report that it it is their Sense he is Sincere, & that it is Safe to Accept him A Member of our Society, Which being Approved by this Meeting he is Accepted Accordingly

This meeting Adjourns to the 12th hour tommorrow

31st. day Met by Adjournment ~

One of the Comtee in the Case of Abraham Brown; who hath Married with one out of Our Society Report that they have taken several Opportunities with him Upon that matter, & have but but little hopes if any, of his makeing Friends Satisfaction, he having signified he has no desire that Friends Should wait Longer on him Whereupon this Meeting puts him from Under their Care as a Member And David Farnum & David Wadsworth Are Appointed to Inform him of his Denial & right of Appeal, & to Draw a Testimony of his Denial & make Report to next Monthly Meeting ~

One of the Comtee to take in Subscriptions for the Yearly Meetings School, Informing that the paper with the Subscriptions he had Recd is mislaid. The Representatives of that Meeting Are desired to make Search for the Same, in Order that it may be had At our Next monthly Meeting ~

The Comtee respecting the Meetings that Were held at Thomas Steeres & widow Aldrich's & that At Scituate, Report that they have several times Visited said Meetings And it is their Sense the Meeting When formerly held at the Widow Aldrich's, be held At Elisha Steers, & that When At Thomas Steeres of late be Continued At the Same house, & that Scituate Meeting be held at the house of the Widow Elizabeth Aldrich's at the times when it used to be held at John Walkers & Samuel Howlands. ~ And it Appearing to this Meeting that the Above mentioned two particular Meetings are Small & ~~somewha~~ somewhat remote from the Body of Friends therefore our Frds George Smith, Benjamin Arnold, Thomas Lapham, George Comstock David Wadsworth, Rufus Smith, Joseph Mosher, Jos. Farnum

Amasa Gray, David Steer & Caleb Greene Are desired to Attend the Same At the several places of their Meeting together As often As they conveniently can, & endeavour as Truth shall enable to Strengthen & Establish them in holding their Meetings to the honor of Truth & their own Advantage, & to make report to this Meeting from time to time When Called upon, as to them Shall appear Necessary Not Exceeding Once A Quarter

The Comttee in the Case of George Smith Jur Nothing ready to make Report, that matter is continued to next monthly Meeting & they Are desired then to Report.

Five of the Comttee in the Case of Henry Stead Made Report in writing Which is Accepted & is as follows.

Whereupon the same is Continued to next monthly Meeting in Order to give Opportunity to Any Friends who may be desirous to further Visit him.

Three of the Comttee in the Case of Jonathan Congdon & James Anthony report that they have had Another Opportunity with them to pretty good Satisfaction; yet some Friends desiring a further Opportunity may be had with them, the same is Continued for that purpose to next monthly Meeting.

The Comttee Appointed to take An Opportunity with Jonathan Arnold Jur. respecting his concern to Attend the Yearly Meeting at Philadelphia, Reported A Draught of A Certificate on his behalf for that purpose which was read in this Meeting Approved of & signed by the Clerk.

Smithfd. Upper house Preparative Meeting Informing that Abner Bartlet son of Joseph hath much Neglected the Attendance of our Religious Meetings, in particular those of Discipline, & hath for some time been keeping Company with one not of our Society, Whereupon our Friends George Arnold, Ananias Mowry & William Bassett Are Appointed to take An Opportunity with him to Endeavor to Convince him of his Error, & to labor with him in Order to his Making Friends Satisfaction, & to Report to next monthly Meeting

Smithfd. Upper house prepative. meeting Also Informing that Jabez Wing laid before them A prospect he has of moving within the Verge of the Oblong or Nine partner Monthly Meeting if Friends Approve thereof, Whereupon this Meeting Appoints Adam Harkness, Elisha Thornton, William Buffum, David Steere & David Mowry to take An Opportunity with him concerning his proposed removal & report to next monthly Meetg

Smithfd. Upper house Prepative. Meeting Also Inform that Caleb Braley who some time past produced A Certificate to this Meeting from Sandwich has since returned back there & married out of the Order of Friends, & desire the Consideration of this Meeting upon the Subject, Whereupon this Meeting appoints Jos. Congdon, Seth Kelley, John Holden, Amasa Gray & Smith Brown, to take that Matter Under Consideration & inquire into the Circumstances thereof & report what they think best to be done, & if it should Appear Necessary to Correspond with any Distant Meeting upon the Subject that they prepare A Draught & present with their Report.

The Lower house Preparative Meeting having Recived
before this Meeting a Concern for more Effectual Labour
in Order that Friends in general be provided with Wills
& settlements of Estates whilst in health, which Meeting
the Approbation of this Meeting the same is Recommended
to the Consideration of the other Preparative Meetings
to Labour therein as Truth may open the way, & all the
preparative Meetings Are desired to send up an Account
what progress they have made therein in the 10th mo.

The Meeting of Women Friends Informing this
Meeting, that a Complaint is brought forward Agst two of Joseph
Clarks Daughters, & desire the Assistance of this Meeting in
Labouring therein, Whereupon this Meeting Appoints, Oziel
Wilkinson, Augustus Lapham & Daniel Anthony to
Assist the Comttee of Women Friends in Treating with them
As far as to them Appears Necessary, & make report to
Next monthly Meeting —

The Matter of Settling with Luke Aldrich one of
Rachal Thayers Trustees, which was to have been Reported
to this Meeting, is refered to next month on Acct. of time
the Comttee is desired then to Report —

Thomas Arnold Clerk

1781 — At our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfd.
the 27th. 9th mo. 1781. The Meeting being convened the Repre-
-sentatives From the Preparative Meetings Are From
Smithfd. Upper house Rufus Smith & Thomas Holden
Uxbridge William Bassett & Thomas Eddy
Lower house Caleb Greene & Elisha ~~[illegible]~~ Bowen Jur.
The Epistle from the Quarterly Meeting held at Greenwich

In the 7th mo. last was read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction

The Comtee in the Case of Abraham Brown Report that they have Sent forward a Letter informing him As directed but have not had Any return, they Also presented A Testimony of his Denial which was read in this Meeting, & after Some Alterations Approved & signed by the Clerk. And said Comtee Are desired to Inform this Meeting As soon as they have Any return respecting said Letter: ~

One of the Representatives who were desired to make search for A Subscription paper, which this Meeting was Inform'd was mislaid, produced the same to this Meeting, the Others of the Comtee also producing the Subscriptions they had Recd. The Upper house preparative Meeting has Subscribed £3..12. for the fund & £2..0..6 for the present Year. — Uxbridge Subscribed 3/. for the fund & 17/6. for the present Year. The lower house preparatve Meeting Subscribed £14..19. for the fund, & £25.15.6 for the present Year. & Thomas Arnold is desired to transmit An Acct. of the Whole Amount, with the Subscription papers to the Meeting for Sufferings. And the Comtee Are still continued to Receive Subscriptions as before. ~

The Comtee in the case of George Smith Jur. report that they have Visited him Again & that they think but that matter be again Refer'd, which is refer'd Accordingly They to report to next monthly Meeting. ~

The Matter respecting Henry Stead of Paxton which was refer'd from last monthly Meeting, being Open before this Meeting, & the Report of the Comtee Which was Accepted Last month being read up, Whereby it Appears their Labour has been ineffectual, he continuing to Endeavour to Justify his Conduct whereupon this Meeting disowns Unity with him & puts him from Under their Care as A Member, & Elisha Thornton & David Wadsworth Are Appointed to Inform him of his Denial & right of Appeal, & to draw A Testimony of his Denial & report to Next monthly Meeting. —

The Comtee in the Case of Abner Bartlet report that they have had An Opportunity with him, but without Any prospect of his Makeing Friends Satisfaction, he having Made publick his Intentions of Marriage Out of the Order of Friends; & also Informed that he did Not desire Friends Should wait Longer on him, whereupon this Meeting disowns Unity with him, & puts him from Under their Care as A member, & Elisha Kelley is Appointed to Inform him of his Denial & right of Appeal. —

Most of the Comtee in the Case of Jonathan Congdon & James Anthony Report that they have Again Visited them, & that they Appear in A Disposition in a good degree Satisfactory, Whereupon this Meeting thinks it to pass by their Misconduct. —

The Comtee Appointed to advise with Jabez Wing respecting his removal, Report that he has concluded to drop his purpose of removal for the present, to their good Satisfaction

The Comtee in the Case of Caleb Braley Report that they have Considerd the Case & think it best to write to the monthly Meeting At Hoosock, desiring their Labour with him concerning his Transgression & presented A draught of a few lines to them for

that

That purpose, which was read in this Meeting Approved & signed by the Clerk.

The Comttee in the Case of Luke Aldrich Report that they have Not Yet Accomplised A Settlemt with him Whereupon they Are Continued to Accomplish the Same if may be & make Report in the 12th mo or Sooner if ready

Uxbridge Prepative Meeting Informing that Levi Bennet hath walked Contrary to the Rules of our Society, particularly in the neglect of Attendance of Meetings, avoiding plainness refuseing the Advice of his Parents, Associating with unprofitable Company, & marrying out of the Order of Friends, for which they have no encouragement of his making Satisfaction, whereupon this Meeting disowns Unity with him, & puts him from Under their Care as A member, & James Smith & Jazaniah Barret Are Appointed to Inform him of his Denial & right of Appeal & to draw A Testimony of his Denial & report to next monthly Meeting.

Said Meeting further Inform that John Capron of Daniel hath refused the advice of his Father, hath been in the practice of gameing, & profaneness of Speech & Enlisted himself as a Soldier in the War, whereupon this Meeting disown Unity with him, & puts him from Under their Care as A member — And Joseph Mosher & Asa Aldrich are Appointed to Inform him of his denial & right of Appeal & draw A Testimony of his denial & report to next monthly Meeting

Said preparative Meeting Also Inform that George Buffum Son of Jedediah hath disobey'd the advice of his Parents, particularly in keeping Company &

marrying

Marrying out of the Order of Friends, whereupon this Meeting thinks best that matter be Continued Untill next monthly Meeting, in Order for more full information respecting the labour bestowed Upon him

Uxbridge prepat^{v} Meeting Informing that Isaac Kelly son of Isaac of Hoosock proposed to lay his Intention of Marriage with Buler Aldrich before this Meeting, & they appeared in this Meeting & declared their Intention Accordingly he producing A Certificate from the Monthly Meeting at Saratoga of his Clearness of Marriage Engagem^{ts} among them. & they were directed to come to next monthly Meeting for An Answer.

Said meeting also Inform that Allen Mosher son of Joseph proposed to lay his Intention of Marriage with Hannah Eddy before this Meeting, & they Appeared in this Meeting & declared their Intentions Accordingly, & they were directed to Come to next monthly Meeting for An Answer & John Walker & Jaazaniah Barrit are Appointed to Enquire Into his Clearness in that Respect & make Report to Next monthly Meeting.

Daniel Aldrich Informing this Meeting by way of the Preparative Meeting, that he expects to go to Nantucket Upon Business, & desires A few lines if Friends thinks well of it, of which this meeting Approves he being A Member in Unity & the Clerk is directed to give him A Copy of this Minute. Uxbridge Prepat^{v} Meeting Informing that Isaac Fowler son of Samuel has gone to Reside within the Bounds of Swansey monthly Meeting, & desires A few lines By way of Certificate. Our Friends Joseph Mosher & David Wadsworth Are Appointed to enquire into his Circumstances

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In that Respect & draw A Certificate & report to next Monthly Meeting. –

The Comtee. appointed to Assist the Women in the Case of Joseph Clark's Daughters not having fulfilled their Appointment, they are continued for that purpose & to report to next monthly Meeting. –

The Women Inform that they have Accepted Amey, Elizabeth, Abigail, Hannah, & Mary daughters of Jonathan Sweet, As members of our Society. –

A Friend in behalf of the Lower prepative Meeting Informing that Joseph Harris who some time past went to Nantucket with our Certificate in Order for Marriage, where he has since resided, & has there been Treated & used as A member of that meeting, & thereupon desire the Judgment of this Meeting what is best to be done Respecting giving him A Certificate & A Friend Informing the Case of Saml. Rodman from Uxbridge is Similar thereto, whereupon this Meeting appoint Joseph Congdon, William Buffum, Thomas Lapham & Jaazaniah Barrett to take that Matter into Consideration & report to next monthly Meeting what they think best to be done therein & to draw a Certificates if they think Necessary

The queries were read in this meeting & answers thereto composed from the Answers of the Preparative Meetgs. which were Inserted in An Acct. to the quarterly Meeting & sent up by Our representatives who Are Thomas Lapham Daniel Aldrich, Oziel Wilkinson, Elihu Bowen Jur. & Smith Brown

Thomas Arnold Clerk

10m
1781

At our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfd the 25th 10th mo. 1781 The meeting being convened the Representatives appearing from the Prepative Meetings Are
from Smithfd Upper house Joseph Buffum & Joseph Comstock
Uxbridge Benedict Arnold & Jaazaniah Barret
Lower house Thomas Lapham & Joseph Bassett —

A certificate in behalf of Seth Kelly son of Jeremiah from Sandwich monthly Meeting was read in this Meeting signifying that the said Seth Kelley, was A member of our society & that he was Serving an Apprenticeship within this Monthly Meeting.

Our Friend Jonathan Arnold Junr. returned A Certificate granted him in the 8th mo. last in Order to Attend the yearly Meeting at Philidelphia with an Indorsement thereon by said Meeting signifying their Satisfaction in his Compy As also by several meetings thereaway which read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction. —

The Epistle from the Quarterly Meeting held at Dartmouth in this month, was read in this meeting to good Satisfaction, as Also A transcript of the Epistle from the yearly Meeting held at Philadelphia in the 9th mo. last year & the Seasonable & weighty advice therein Contained well Accepted

The Comtee. in the Case of George Smith Jur. refered from Last monthly meeting Made Report at this time that he appeard in A disposition of Mind in A good Degree Satisfactory & that they thought best he be restored Again A member of our Society. which report is Accepted & he Restored Accordingly, but his acknowledgemt. heretofore presented to this meeting, not being present the Comtte. is desired to bring the Same to next Monthly Meeting.
The Comtt. Appointed Report that they Have Informed Henry Head of his denial & right of Appeal & they Are desired to Make Some Alterations in the testimony of his denial presented at this time & Bring to Next Monthly Meeting. —

Elisha Kelley Reported that he has informed Abner Bartlett as Directed. The Comtee Appointed report that they have Informed Levi Bennet of his Denial & right of Appeal & presented A testimony of his Denial, which After some alterations was Approved & signed by the Clerk —

The Comtee Appointed Report that they have Endeavoured by Message to Inform John Capp of his Denial & right of Appeal but have not had return as yet. —

Whereupon that matter is refered to next monthly Meeting in order for them to fulfill their Appointment. —

The Women Inform that they have Accepted Mary Staples wife of William Staples A member of our Society. —

The Case of George Buffum son of Jedediah continued from last monthly Meeting, being Open before this Meeting Our Friends Antipas Earl, Jabez Wing, Peter Aldrich & Jonath. Mowry Are Appointed to take the Necessary Care therein & Labour with him Respecting his Transgression if Necessary & way Opens for it, & make Report in the 12mo or sooner if ready

The Friends Appointed Report that they have made the Necessary Enquiry & find Nothing to hinder Allen Mosher's proceeding in Marriage with Hannah Eddy, & they Appeared in this Meeting & had their Answer in Order for Marriage & David Farnum & David Wadsworth Are Appointed to see the Same Consummated & report to next monthly Meeting

Uxbridge Prepatve meeting Informing that David Farnum Junr proposed to Lay his Intention of Marriage with Ruth Southwick Before this Meeting, & they Appeared in this Meeting & declared their Intentions Accordingly, & they were directed to Come to next Monthly Meeting for An Answer, & William

Buffum

Buffum & Joseph Mosher Are Appointed to Enquire into his Clearness in that respect & make Report to Next Monthly Meeting

Smithfd. Upperhouse Prepa:tive Meeting Informing that James Congdon proposed to lay his Intention of Marriage With Lydia Southwick before this Meeting, he producing consent of Parents & a Certificate from Greenwich Monthly Meeting Setting forth his Clearness respecting Marriage Engagemt. Among them, & they Were directed to Come to next Monthly Meeting for An answer

Isaac Kelley & Buler Aldrich Who laid their Intentions of Marriage before last monthly Meeting Appear'd in this Meeting & rec:d their Answer in Order for Marriage & John Walker & David Buffum Are Appointed to See the Same Consumated & make Report to Next Monthly Meeting

The Friends Appointed to Enquire into the Circumstances of Isaac Fowler son of Samuel, his Removal to Swanzey Report that Upon Enquiry they find Nothing to hinder his having A Certificate & presented One Accordingly, which was read Approved of & Signed by the Clerk

The Comtee Appointed to Assist the Women in the care of Joseph Clerks Daughter, not being ready to Report ~~[illegible]~~t by reason of Sickness, that matter is Continued & they to Report to Next monthly Meeting

The Friends Appointed to Consider of the Cases of Joseph Harris & Samuel Rodman Report that they think it Necessary Certificates be granted them, & presented Certificates Accordingly Which After being read in this Meeting were Approved of & Signed by the Clerk. Time being far Spent & the Meeting having sat long all the remainder of the Business before this Meeting is Refered to next Monthly Meeting

11mo
81

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held At Smithfield the 29th 11mo 1781 – The Meeting being Convened the Representatives Appearing from the Preparative Meetings Are ... From

Smithfd. Upper house Elisha Kelley & Ananias Mowry
Uxbridge William Bassett & Nathaniel Aldrich
Lowerhouse Joseph Randall & Rufus Smith

The Women Inform that they have Accepted Abigail Bartlet Wife of Joseph A Member of Our Society

Uxbridge preparative Meeting Informed that Benjn. Battee requested the Care of Friends & he Appearing in this Meeting & continuing his request Rufus Smith Joseph Mosher & Oziel Wilkinson. Are desired to take a Solid Opportunity with him concerning the Motives of his request & suitableness of being thus: A member of our Society & make Report to next monthly Meeting.

The Lower preparative Meeting Informing that Jeremiah Harris Appeared in that meeting & requested he Might come Under the Care of Friends, & he appearing in this Meeting & continuing his request Moses Brown Elisha Thornton & Joseph Comstock, Are Appointed to take A Solid opportunity with him concerning the Motives of his request & suitableness of his becoming A Member of our Society & make Report to next monthly Meeting. Uxbridge Preparative Meeting Informing that Thomas Lapham son of Solomon hath much Neglected the Attendance of our Religious Meetings both for worship & Discipline, hath Associated with Unprofitable Company, & is in the practice of Accompanying [illegible] by way of Courtship with one not of our Society for which he has been laboured with, without Effect. Whereupon this Meetg. Appoints Benjamin Arnold & David Buffum Still

Still further to Labour with him respecting said Transgressions, in Order if may be for his Restoration & make Report to next monthly Meeting.

The lower Preparative Meeting Informing that Isaac Walker proposeth to remove within the Verge of Pembroke Monthly Meeting & desires A Certificate Whereupon this Meeting Appoints William Buffum & Augustus Lapham to Enquire into his Circumstances in that Respect & report A draught of A Certificate to next Monthly Meeting if they find Nothing to hinder.

This Meeting is Informed by way of the Lowerhouse preparative Meeting that the Usual Time of Appointing Overseers is Elapsed & a new Appointment proposed which Matter being opend before this Meeting, the present Overseers Are dismiss'd & our Friends James Smith, David Farnum Asa Smith, Caleb Greene Rufus Smith the Younger Augustus Lapham, Ananias Mowry, Robert Wilkinson David Wadsworth, Antipas Earle & David Steere — Are Appointed to the place of Overseers.

This Meeting Adjourns to the 10th hour tomorrow.

30th day Met by Adjournment.

The Representatives being Called were all present Except three who soon after Appeared.

The Women Inform they have Accepted Abigail Earle A member of Our Society.

Elizabeth Height & her Companion Hannah Barker Attended this Meeting & produced Certificates from the Nine partner Monthly Meeting Dated the 18th 5th mo. 1781. which were read in this Meeting to Satisfaction.

Smithfd. Upper house preparative Meeting Informing

that

That Alvin Allen has Much Neglected the Attendance of our Religious Meetings Also the plain Language & dress, & has Frequented Vain Company, Used Profane Language & Attended A horserace, whereupon George Arnold, Amos Arnold, Ammanias Mowry Benedict Remington & Jonathan Arnold Are Appointed to Visit & Labour with him for said Transgressions in Order for his Restoration, & Make Report to Next monthly Meeting

Said Preparative Meeting Also Inform that Caleb Allen has Much Neglected the Attendance of Our Religious Meetings Also plainness of Language & dress, & has Attended A Marraige out of the Order of Friends Whereupon this Meeting Appoints the Above Comtee. to take An Opportunity & Labour with him for his Recovy & make Report to next Monthly Meeting

A Certificate of Removal in behalf of James Buffum from A monthly Meeting held At Salem the 8th 11mo. 1781 signifying his Clearness of Marriage Engagements Among them, & that he had Settled his outward Affairs to Satisfaction Was read & Accepted

This Meeting Recd. Information by Way of two Friends in behalf of Nine Partners Monthly Meeting that Phillip Stratton had Removed from thence Contrary to the Advice of Friends, Also that he had been Employed in Makeing Utensials for War & desired Our Advice in What Method to proceed with him, Whereupon our friends Joseph Congdon John Holden & Thomas Arnold Are Appointed to Visit him & inspect into the Circumstances of his Case

And Report A draught from this Meeting to that Respecting that Matter to Next Monthly Meeting. –

A copy of An Epistle from the yearly Meeting held At Westbury on Long Island by Adjournments from the 26 of the 5th mo. to the 1st of 6th Inclusive 1781. was read in this Meetg. to good Satisfaction. –

A paper of Acknowledgement & Condemnation of his Conduct in time past ~~from~~ from George Smith Jr. was read in this Meeting to a good degree of Satisfaction, And George Arnold is desired to read the Same At the Close of A publick Meeting at Mendon & this place & Make Report to Next monthly Meeting

The Women Inform they have denied Rebecka Handey & Mehitable Clerk daughters of Joseph Clark, with Which our Comtee in that Case Report they Concurred. –

A Testimony of Denial against Henry Mead was read in this Meeting Approved of & signed by the Clerk –

The Friends Appointed respecting John Cass not being fully ready to Report, that Matter is Continued for them to fulfile their Appointment & report to next Monthly Meeting –

The Friends Appointed Report that they Attended the Marriage of Allen Mosher & Hannah Eddy, & that it was conducted in A good degree Orderly. –

The Friends Appointed Report that Upon Enquiry they find Nothing to hinder David Farnum Jun. his proceeding in Marriage with Ruth Southwick, & they Appeared in this Meeting & Recd. their Answer in in Order for Marrig & Daniel Aldrich & William Basset Are Appointed to see the same Consumated & report to next Monthly Meeting

James Congdon & Lydia Southwick Appeared in this

This Meeting & rec.d their Answer in Order for Marriage & George Comstock & Ammanias Mowry Are Appointed to see the same Consumated & report to Next Monthly Meeting

The Friends Appointed Report that they Attended the Marriage of Isaac Kelly & Bulie Aldrich & that it was Conducted as Orderly as Could be Expected of those in their Situation of mind —

The Lower Preparative Meeting Informing that Robert Harkness proposed to lay his Intentions of Marriage with Mary Comstock before this Meeting — And they Appeared in this Meeting & Declared their Intentions Accordingly & Amasa Gray Thomas Arnold & William Buffum Are Appointed to Enquire into his Clearness, & make Report to Next monthly Meeting.

The Upper Preparative Meeting Informing that Hannah Darling wife of Jesse, requested the Care of Friends for her two Children Elnathan & James Whereupon Benedict Arnold Wm. Buffum & Benja. Peare Are Appointed to Join A Comtee. of Women Friends in A Visit to hannah & her Family & report what they think is best to be done in said Case to next Monthly Meeting —

Smithfd. Upper Preparative Informing that George Comstock was proposed to that Meeting for the place of an Elder, which Meeting the Approbation of the Preparative Meeting was brought to this Meeting as business — & the Same being Opened before this Meeting to Satisfaction. It seemes best that the same be Refered to Next monthly Meeting in Order for further ~~Satisfaction~~ Consideration —

Said Meeting Also Inform that George Southwick son of Jonathan proposes to move within the Verge of East hoosuck Monthly

Monthly Meeting & desires A Certificate, he having Conſent of this Meeting to look out out for A place, George Smith & George Arnold are Deſired to draw him A Certificate if they find Nothing Upon Enquiry to hinder, & bring to Next Monthly Meeting.

Said Meeting Alſo Inform that they have raiſed the Sum of £ 3.. 19. which had been delivered to the Treaſurer

Uxbridge Preparative Meeting informing that Aſa Lapham & Isaac Rolle Jun^r. now living at Hooſock in their paſsing from Smithf^d. to Northbridge, went into a Tavern & drank to Exceſs, & behaved with Noiſe & rudeneſs upon the highway as they Went from the Tavern, Whereupon this Meeting Appoints Benedict Arnold, Rufus Smith David Wadsworth Joseph Moſher & David Farnum & W^m Baſset to Enquire into the Circumſtances of their Caſe, & their Standing in Respect to Society, & to make A draught of A Letter to Hooſock Monthly Meeting, setting forth Such parts of their Conduct & circumſtances relating their Caſe, as may be Neceſsary for said Meeting to know, & report to next monthly Meeting.

The Comtee Appointed to Settle the Boundaries of this & Greenwich Monthly Meeting, Made ~~report~~ return of the Same Report which they had before agreed upon with Greenwich Comttee. Not having been Able to Obtain the Alteration propoſed by this Meeting Respecting the Dividing line through Scituate, whereupon it seemes best to this Meeting to Accept the same as before Reported & the same is Accepted As follows — 'We the Subſcribers

Being A Comtee Appointed by Greenwich & Smithfd Monthly Meetings to Settle & fix the Boundaries between said Meetings, have met & mutually agreed Upon the line as followeth viz to begin at Hawkins Cove & Extend Westward ~~between~~ Upon the line between Cranston & Providence till it comes to Johnston from thence Upon the line between Cranston & Johnston till it Strikes Scituate from thence A West line till it reaches Connecticut Government Which We Submit to the monthly Metgs.
Cranston 7mo. 2d 1781 — Benjamin Congdon Thos Aldrich
Joseph Congdon Caleb Greene
Jonathan Arnold Jur. Elisha Harris

The Comtee. Appointed in the 8th mo. to visit the Meetings At Scituate & Weyonkeague, Not having prepared A Report in Writing, their Reporting is refered to Next Monthly Meeting they then to Report in Writing

Thomas Arnold Clerk

12 mo
1781 — At a monthly Meeting of Friends held at [illegible] Smithfield the 27th 12mo. 1781 —

The Meeting being Convened the Representatives appointed from the Preparative Meetings Are
From Smithfd. Upper House Jacob Arnold & Adam Harkness
Uxbridge John Walker & Thomas Eddy
Lower house Thomas Lapham & Rufus Smith
all present Except Thomas Eddy. —

The Comtee. Appointed Upon Benjamin Battie's request made Report that they have had an Opportunity with him which was in A good degree to Satisfaction & that they thought it safe to Accept him A Member of our Society, & he is Accepted Accordingly. —

The Comtee. Appointed Upon Jeremiah Harris request Make report that they have had an Opportunity with him Which was Satisfactory, but were prevented from Seeing him At his own house & in his family by reason of the Weather, which they Are desirous of doing whereupon that matter is refer'd to next monthly Meetg. in Order to give them further Opportunity, they then to report.—

A Certificate in behalf of our Friend William Jackson Junr. dated from Newgarden Monthly Meeting Chester County, Pensylvania the 10th 1st mo. 1781 Signifying their Unity with him As A minister & with his Concern in Undertaking his Present Religious Visit, was read in this Meetg. to good Satisfaction his Company & Services being Acceptable Also A Copy of A minute from said Meeting in the 2d mo. following Signifying their Unity & concurrence with his Prospect of coming into these Eastern parts (it being more Extensive than he had first laid before said Meeting) was read in this Meeting the same thereof being Satisfactory—

The Womens Inform they have Accepted Ruth Owen Rachal Richardson & wait Wilkinson Members of Our Society

The Friends Appointed in the Case of Thos. Lapham son of Solomon Report that they Visited him & Labourd with him Respecting the transgressions Complained of, but that he gave but very little if Any Encouragemt. of making Friends Satisfaction, whereupon it appears best to this Meeting to disown Unity with him, & put him from Under their Care As A Member & he is disown'd Accordingly, & Jesse Smith & William Bussum Are Appointed to Inform him thereof & of his right of Appeal & to draw A testimony of our disunity with & bring to Next Monthly Meeting—

The Friends Appointed in the Care of Isaac Walker Reported A draught of A Certificate in his behalf to Pembroke Monthly Meeting, which After some Alteration was Approved & signed by the Clerk.

The Comtee in the Care of Akerne Allen & Caleb Allen not having Obtained An Opportunity with them so fully as is deſired, those Matters Are Referd to next monthly meeting for that purpoſe, they then to report. The Comtee in the Care of Phillip Stratton Report that they have Visited him, but Are not fully ready to Report, whereupon that matter is referd to Next monthly they then to Report.

George Arnold Reports that he has read the paper Committed to his Care as directed.

The Comtee Appointed Report that they have ſent to Richmond to Inform John Caſs of his Denial which they Understood is done & now preſent A Teſtimony of his Denial which is Approved of & signed by the Clerk, & Jonathan Swet is Appointed to see the same read at the Cloſe of A Publick Meetg At Richmond. The Friends Appointed Report that they Attended the Marriage of David Farnum & Ruth Southwick Which was to their Obſervation conducted in A good Degree Orderly.

This Meeting Adjourns to the 10th hour tomorrow

28th day Met by adjournment

The Repreſentatives being called were all preſent Except Thomas Eddy who was Abſent Yesterday.

This Meeting Recd Answers to the queries from the several ~~Monthly~~ Prepatve Meetings which were Read

Read in this Meeting & general Anſwers Compoſed therefrom & approved of in Order to be ſent up to the Quarterly Meeting by our Repreſentatives who Are David Farnum George Arnold Joſeph Congdon & Thomas Arnold.

This Meeting takeing into Conſideration the thirteenth Query, which On Acct. of a Scruple in some Friends Minds, as to the mode of Expreſsion was A little Varied by direction of this Meeting, in Order to be more ~~perfectly~~ properly Adapted to the Preparative Meetings, which being Weightily Conſidered, & the propriety of Altering A query in An Inferior Meeting, tho in a Smalle degree, being much doubted, the Original Scruple ~~being Alſo much~~ Appearing Alſo to be removed, it is concluded in future that the prepatve Meetings make Anſwer to the 13th query as sent down from the Yearly Meeting. The Friends Appointed Report that they Attended the Marriage of James Congdon & Lydia Southwick & that it was Conducted in A good degree Orderly for so large A number which Friends Are Cautioned agst

The Comtee Appointed to Enquire into the Clearneſs of Robert Harkneſs in Reſpect to Marriage Engagemt. Report that they find Nothing to hinder his proceeding in Marriage with Mary Comſtock & they Appeared in this Meeting & Recd. their Anſwer in Order for Marriage & Daniel Anthony & Caleb Greene Are Appointed to see the Same Conſummated & report to Next monthly Meeting. Uxbridge Prepatve Meeting Informing

That Abraham Phillips Proposed to lay his Intention of Marriage with Lucy Kelly before this Meeting, he having produced consent of Parents & they Appeared in this Meeting & declared their Intentions of Marriage Accordingly & Abraham Randall & Joseph Mosher Are Appointed to Enquire into his Clearness in that Respect & report to Next Monthly Meeting.

The Friends Appointed Report a Certificate in favor of George Southwick & Famility to Hoosick Monthly Meeting Which was read in this Meeting Approv'd of & signed by the Clerk

The Comtee appointed together with a Comtee of Women Upon Hannah Darling's request for her Children, Report that they think it may be Safe to Accept her two Children Elnathan & James, & they Are Accepted Accordingly

The Matter of Appointing George Comstock to the place of an Elder, refer'd from last monthly Meeting being Opened before this Meeting, & A sense of the Wight & importance of the Service he is about to be appointed to, & the Necessity that Clearness be witnessed, & decency & order in the procedure thereunto, being prevalent. It is the Judgment of this Meeting that A Solid Comtee be Appointed upon Such Occasions to Make Enquiry into the Clearness of Friends proposed for that Important Service. Whereupon our Friends Moses Brown Thomas Lapham, Daniel Aldrich & Rufus Smith Are Appointed, together with Such Friends as Shall be Appointed by the Weomens Meeting for that purpose

purpose, to make the Necessary Enquiry & Examination into the present Case As also in the Case of Hanna Reed, who the Weomen Inform they have under Consideration for the Same Appointment & make Report to Next monthly Meeting —

The Comtee in the Case of George Buffum Not Being Ready to Report that matter is Refered to the Monthly meeting in the 2d mo. they then to Report

The Remainder of the Business before this Meeting is Refered to next monthly Meeting. —

Thomas Arnold Clerk

1 mo
1782

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 31st of the 1st mo. 1782 —

The Meeting being convened the representatives appointed by the Preparative Meetings Are —

From Smithfd upper house, Robert Wilkinson &
Benjamin Pearce — —
Uxbridge — David Wadsworth & William Basset —
Lower house — Thomas Lapham & Caleb Greene —
Who being called are all present —

The Committee Appointed upon Jeremiah Harris's requesting the Care of Friends. Report that they think it safe to Accept him A member of Our Society, Which Report is Received & he Accepted Accordingly. —

The Committee to consider of the Case of Isaac Kelley Jur. And Asa Lapham & to draught a few lines to Norfolk Monthly Meeting Respecting the Same, presented A draught which Appearing to this meeting to Need some Alterations, Thomas Lapham, Moses Brown, Thos. Arnold Job Scott, David ~~Buffum~~ Steere Are added to

Such of that Comtee As can conveniently Attend to it, to Make the Necessary Alterations, & report As soon as may be. — The Committee Appointed to Visit the Meetings At Scituate & Weyonsheague Report that they have attended said Meetings & several of them more than Once & that they think it necessary a Committee from this meeting Still visit said Meetings, they having had Satisfaction therein, Which report is Accepted & the Comttee is still desired to Continue their Attention to said Service

Uxbridge Preparative Meeting Informing that Israel Sabin Requested the Care of Friends for his Children Whose Names Are Timothy, Cloe, Alfred, Lydia, Darling & Mary, Whereupon this Meeting Appoints George Comstock, David Farnham & William Buffum to Join A Comtee of Women Friends to Visit the Family & Enquire into the Suitableness of their becoming Members of this Meeting & make Report to next Monthly Meeting. —

The Comtee to draw a Testimony of Denial agst Thomas Lapham son of Solomon, Not having Accomplished the Same to their Mind, the same is refered to next monthly meeting, they then to Report. —

The Comtee in the Case of Alvin & Caleb Allen Report that they have Endeavoured to have An Opportunity with them Which Caleb Refused to give them, And that they had One with Alvin which was not to Satisfaction; he Treating the Comtee & the Subject in A light & Contemptuous Manner & that it is their Sense, they Are Not in a State of mind Suitable to Make Satisfaction, & Friends Will be Clear to disown them As Members, Whereupon this Meeting disowns Unity with them, & puts them from Under their Care as Members & Daniel Allen, & Edward Smith Are Appointed to Inform them thereof, & report to Next Monthly Meeting. —

The Friends Appointed to Enquire into Abraham

Phillips

Phillips Clearness in respect to Marriage Engagements Report that they find Nothing to hinder his proceeding in Marriage with Lucy Kelly, & they Appeared in this Meeting And Received their Answer in Order for Marriage & William Buffum & Jonathan Mowry Are Appointed to see the Same Consummated & Report to Next Monthly Meeting

The Lower house Preparative Meeting Informing that John Alsop proposed to lay his Intentions of Marriage with Mary Jenkins Jur. before this Meeting & after producing A Certificate from the Meeting to Which he belongs & Consent of Parents they Appeared in this Meeting & declared their Intentions Accordingly, & were directed to Next monthly Meeting for An Answer. — Also that Nicholas Easton proposed to Lay his Intentions of Marriage with Abigail Earl before this Meeting, & they Appeared in this Meeting & Declared their Intentions Accordingly & John Holden & Smith Brown Are Appointed to Enquire Into his Clearness in that Respect & make Report to Next Monthly Meeting. — Also that George Hazzard proposed to lay his Intentions of Marriage with Sarah Scott before this Meeting, & they Appeared in this Meeting & declared their Intentions Accordingly, he producing a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting to Which he belongs Signifying his Clearness in that Respect & they Were directed to Come to Next monthly Meeting for An Answer

This Meeting Adjourns to the 10th hour tomorrow

15th day of the 2d mo. met by Adjournment
The Representatives being Called Were all present Except Benjamin Peare David Wadsworth & Thomas Lapham Who Who Afterwards Appeared —

William Bassett is Appointed to read the Testimony of Levi Bennett's Denial at the Close of A publick Meeting at Uxbridge —

Uxbridge. — David Farnum is Appointed to procure the Testimony of Abraham Brown's denial to be read at the Close of a publick Meeting at Richmond, Also that of Henry Mead at the Close of a Meeting at Leicester, & report when Accomplished —

One of the Friends Appointed to see the Marriage of Robert Harkness (the other being Necessarily absent) Reports that to their Observation it was Conducted in a good degree Orderly — Two of the Comtee Appointed in the Case of George Comstock & hannah Reed (the other ~~other~~ two assigning their Reasons for Not attending & now approving the same) Report that they together with Some Women Friends have had a Satisfactory Opportunity with them & their Families, & that it is their Sense & prospect that that it may be Usefull that they both be Added to the Select Meeting as Elders, Which Report after Solid Consideration is Accepted by this Meeting And they with the Concurrence of the Women's Meeting Are Appointed to the place of Elders Accordingly, And an Acct thereof is directed to be sent to the Quarterly Meeting for Approbation —

The Friends added yesterday to the Comtee in the Case of Isaac Kelley together with some of the Comtee having Made some Alterations in the Draught to Norfolk Monthly Meeting as to them Appeared Necessary presented the Same Which with some further Alterations was Approved of & signed by the Clerk, & the Clerk is desired to forward a Copy thereof. — And Ozeel Wilkinson Thos: Lapham Moses Brown & Wm Buffum Are Appointed to Consider further of the Case, & report what they think is Incumbent on this Meeting further to do At present for the Clearing up the Reproach which

may be

Might be Cast upon Our Testimony for the Truth To Next Monthly Meeting. _ _

The Comt: in the case of Phillip Stratton report A draught of a few lines to Nine Partners Monthly Meeting, which with Some Alterations is approved & Signed by the Clerk, Who is desired to forward a Copy thereof. — This Meeting Recd: a Copy of a Minute from Saratoga Monthly Meeting, Expressive of their Satisfaction in the present State of mind of Caleb Brailey Who removed from this Meeting & married Out of the Order of Friends, Also Accompanied with An Acknowledgemt. from the Said Caleb Brailey Setting forth his Misconduct & condemning the Same, Which Acknowledgemt. is Accepted by this Meeting & he restored to Membership with Friends, And An Account thereof by Way of Certificate directed to Said Meeting Accompanied by a Copy of his acknowledgemt. Was Approved of & signed by the Clerk —

Smithfield Upper house preparative Meeting inform that Jashub Wing hath been in the practice of Attending places of Dancing & Merryment, & is keeping Company by Way of Courtship with One not of our Society, for Which he hath been much Laboured with, by his Parents & other Friends without the desired Effect, Whereupon Augustus Lapham Benjamin Arnold & Amos Baker Are Appointed to take a Solid Opportunity with him Concerning said Transgressions & Endeavour for his Restoration, & the Clearing of the Truth & make Report to Next monthly Meeting

David Buffum Informed this Meeting by Way of the Preparative Meeting that he had it on his Mind to Accompany our Friend William Jackson On a Religious Visit-to Our Friends in the Eastward Governments, with which this Meeting Concurs, he being a Member in Unity & his gift in the Ministry Approved of, & the Clerk is directed to give him a Copy of this Minute —

Uxbridge Preparative Meeting Inform that they having had it Some time Under Consideration, think best to propose David Farnum to be Appointed to the Place of an Elder, the Same being Recommended to them by the Select Meeting which is referd to next monthly Meeting for Consideration. This Meeting Rec.d the Epistle from last Quarterly Meeting which Was read to good Satisfaction, Also a Copy of an Epistle from a Quarterly meeting's Comtee for Sufferings in New York to the Meeting for Sufferings here Which Was read in this Meeting & is as follows "From a Meeting of the Quarterly Meeting's Comte. for Sufferings held in New York the 12th of the 9th mo. 1781 —

To the Meeting for Sufferings in New England —

Dear Friends. In a degree of that love which seeks the preservation of All that are in ~~Unity~~ Profession with us, from the Many Ensnaring Temptations We are Surrounded with do We Salute you & hereby Inform that We are Sorrowfully Affected with the Conduct of Some that go under Our Name Who from an Unwarrantable desire after the Perishing things of this World, have been guilty of Freighting & Clearing Out Vessells from different ports of this Continent for particular ports under a Solemn Engagement of the faithful performance thereof, instead of Which they have sometimes Under a pretence of being taken, & sometimes without such a Covering gone directly to different places, thereby Intentionally falsifying that Which they had Solemnly agreed

to

Which reproachfull conduct we think it our duty to lay before You. As also there Are many from the like Unlawful deſires, who alſo go under Our Name, have Entered into Channels of Trade, in which some have periſhed And all Are Expoſed to the Same fatal consequences. The Conſideration of which Came seriously before us, how far We Stand Clear in regard to thoſe who may be Slain while in the proſecution of a Buſineſs that We from the Clandestine manner in which it's carried on can have no Unity with; It is therefore Ardently deſired that we may all Manifest Our disunity therewith, by Zealously Labouring to preserve our Members from Any way Abetting or being concerned in these or the like dangerous Branches of Buſineſs. And Dear Friends We may alſo Inform you that Some of your Members Who have gone to Sea On tradeing Voyages have been Taken & Brought in here & some of us Sought to for their relief, but on Examining into their Situation have found their Conduct so Inconſiſtant with Our known principles that it hath been very Streightening how to Act On their behalf, leſt we weaken Ourselves in the Eyes of thoſe Whom We have to make application to, when thoſe Who honeſtly Suffer may Stand in Need of Aſsiſtance, Which Neverthleſs we mention in a Sympathizing feeling for your difficult Situation; yet believe if a Christian & Brotherly Care was Extended in this Matter, It may [illegible] tend to promote our Testimony & the preſervation of Our Members - In brotherly Love We again Salute you & remain your Friends & Brethren

Signed in & on behalf of the Comee by Silas Downing Clerk

Whereupon Our friends Jos. Congdon, Thomas Lapham Amasa Gray, Oziel Wilkinson & George Comstock together with the Overseers are appointed to make the Necessary Inquiry & Examination in order to Discover whether Any Members of this Meeting are Concerned in any of the Dangerous & reproachful practices therein Complained of & make Report to Next Monthly meeting. This Meeting also Recd: a Copy of A Minute of A Meeting for Sufferings held At Swanzey the 9th of the 1mo. 1782. setting forth that the Conduct of some Friends respecting our Antient Testimony As to Outward Authority & Government had given Pain to the Body, & desiring Our Attention to their advice therein Whereupon that matter is committed to the Last Named Comtee also to make Enquiry if there is Cause of Complaint among us & to make report to Next monthly meeting. Smithfd: upper house Inform they have raised the Sum of Eleven Shillings in Addition to their former Subscription, which they deld: to the Treasurer

The Yearly Meeting having Recommended the Sum of Sixty pounds hard money to be raised to Supply the Yearly Meeting's Treasury, it also Appearing that there Are A Number of Debts due from this Mothly Meeting, which the Treasurer has not wherewith to discharge, it is therefore concluded to raise the Sum of Sixty pounds & recommended to the preparative Meetings to Subscribe liberally for the above Necessary purposes & send up an Acct. to Next monthly Meetg.

The Comtee in the Case of Luke Aldrich Made Report in Writing As follows "Agreeable to Appointment We have Endeavoured for A Settlemt: with Luke Aldrich And have

And have Recd: of him One Note of hand from Samuel Craggin dated the 28th of the 3mo. 1777 for £66..13..4 On Which is due 3 years & Ten Months Interest £15..6..11 One Note of hand from Abraham Stapler dated the 2d of 6mo. 1775 for £4.. — On Which is due 5 years & 2mo. Interest - - £ 1..7..2. — One Note from Nathan Aldrich dated 18th 4mo: 1769 for £40..0 — On Which is due 4 years & 9mo. Interest —— £11..8.. — One Note Signed by Said Luke to Rachal Thayer dated the 20th of the 10mo. 1764. for £1..8.. on Which is due 4 years & 9mo. Interest - - - £ ..7..11. total £140..11..4.

And gave him a Recd. for the principle sum of said Notes: After which there Appeared to be in his hands of between Eighty & Ninety pounds Which he says he took in paper money & hath part of it now in his Desk, & the other part he let out to his Son Which Note will Amount to Six or Seven pounds hard Money Which he says is All he Can Allow or if he does allow any more he must lose it out of his Own Estate Jacob Arnold Thomas Lapham David Wadsworth Wm Buffum Thomas Arnold Which is Accepted & Wm Buffum is directed to collect the Monies due upon the Monies they Recd: & to get the Securaties Renewed Where the mony cannot be Obtained, the other part of that business is refered to Next Month by Meeting. —

Thos: Arnold Clerk

2 mo
1782

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfd. the 28th of the 2d mo. 1782

The meeting being Convened the Representatives Appointed by the Preparative Meetings Are.

From Smithfd. Upper house Joseph Buffum David Mowry Uxbridge Joshua Aldrich & Elisha Arnold
Smithfd. Lower house Jonathan Arnold & Reuben Blanchard
Who being Called Are all present.

Our Friend James Mott Attended this Meeting And produced A Copy of A minute from the Monthly Meetg. of Friends held at Harrisson's Purchase the 11th of the 1st mo. 1782 Which was read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction & A few lines by way of Indorsement thereon was granted

The Comtee. Appointed upon Israel Sabin's requesting the Care of Friends for his Children, report that they together with Some Women Friends have Visited Israel & his Family & think it well that they be Accepted, which report is Recieved & the Males whose Names are Timothy, Alford & Darling are Accordingly Accepted members of this Meeting.

The Friends Appointed report that they have Informed Caleb & Aaron Allen of their Denial & right of Appeal As directed

The Friends Appointed to attend the Marriage of Abraham Phillips Report that they Attended the Same & that it was Conducted in A good degree Orderly.

The Friends Appointed to Enquire into Nicholas Easton's Clearness in respect to Marriage Engagemts. Report they have Made What Enquiry Appeared Necessary & find Nothing to hinder his proceeding in Marriage with Abigail Earl, & they Appeared in this Meeting

And had their Answer Accordingly, And George
Smith & Daniel Aldrich Are Appointed to see
the Same Consumated & report to Next monthly
Meeting — John Alsop & Mary Jenkins,
Who laid their Intentions of Marriage before last
Monthly Meeting, Appeared in this Meeting
And had their Answer in Order for Marriage
& Thomas Lapham & Jonathan Arnold Are
Appointed to see the Same Consumated & report to
Next monthly Meeting — Also George Hazzard
And Sarah Scott who laid their Intentions of Marriage
before last monthly Meeting; Appeared in this Meeting &
Recd. their Answer in Order for Marriage —
And Benjamin Smith & Thomas Arnold Are
Appointed to see the Same Consumated & report
to Next Monthly Meeting —

The lower hose Preparative Meeting Informed
that Elihu Bowen Junr. proposed to lay ~~their~~ his
Intentions of Marriage with Martha Potter before
this Meeting, And they Appeared in this Meeting
& Declared their Intentions Accordingly, & David
Steere & Amos Baker Are Appointed to Enquire into
his Clearness in Respect to Marriage Engagements
& Make Report to Next Monthly Meeting —

William Basset Reports that he has read
the Testimony of Levi Bennets Denial According to
Appointment —

The Friends Appointed in the Case
of Jashub Wing Report that they have had

An Opportunity of Labouring with him, And find but little if Any Encouragemt. for Friends to wait longer On him, As he did not deny the things laid to his Charge, or Manifest Any Desire to make Friends Satisfaction, Which report is Accepted, nevertheless that Matter is refered to Next monthly meeting, in Order to give Opportunity to Any Friend Who has it on his Mind to pay him Another Visit.–

The Friends Appointed present a testimony of Thomas Lapham, son of Solomon, his Denial, which being read with some Alterations is Approved of & signed by the Clerk——

The Matter of David Farnum who is proposed for the Place of An Elder, refered from last Monthly Meeting being Open before this Meeting After Solid Consideration Our Friends Rufus Smith Caleb Greene, Benjamin Smith, David Steere, William Basset Are Appointed to Visit him & his Family, Make the Necessary Enquiry into his Clearness And Suitableness for that Station in Society, & Make Report to Next Monthly Meeting.–

A paper of Acknowledgement from Beulah Kelly being laid before this Meeting by the Women Who request the Advice of this Meeting in What manner it is best to dispose thereof She having Removed within the Verge of Norfolk Monthly, Whereupon Oziel Wilkinson, George Arnold, Jonathan Mowry & Robert Wilkinson Are Appointed together with Such Women Friends As may be Appointed for that purpose, to take that Care

Into Consideration, & report what they think best to be done respecting it to next Monthly Meeting—

The Comt.ee Appointed to make Enquiry if Any Among Us have been concerned in those Dangerous Practices complained of in An Epistle from Friends of the Meeting for Sufferings in NewYork— And also to make Enquiry in Respect to our Testimony As to Outward government Mentioned in A minute from the Meeting for Sufferings here - Make Report that they have taken Conſiderable pains in Makeing the Neceſsary Enquiry, And as to the first part they do not find Any Among us guilty of the things therein Complained of.— & as to the Second part they Apprehend that the Conduct of Friends at Richmond hath not been Sufficiently Cautious in those Respects And Are of Opinion that it might be uſefull to them to be Viſited by A Solid Comt.ee to Tenderly Adviſe them in Such Matters - Whereupon this Meeting Appoints Thomas Lapham Joseph Congdon, Amasa Gray Benedict Arnold Thomas Arnold & Jonathan Arnold to Visit Friends At Richmond, & Labour with them As Truth opens the Way Respecting their Conduct towards thoſe Who Exercise or Claim the Power of Civil Government over them, & such other Matters As to them Appears Neceſsary, in Particular to adviſe them in Respect to going forward with building A Meeting houſe & to Make Report When Accompliſhed —

A paper of Acknowledgemt. from George Buffum was read in this Meeting & the Same is refer'd to the last Mentioned Commtee. to take Under their Consideration & An Opportunity with him & report when ready

The lower house Preparative Meeting proposing to the Consideration of this Meeting Whether it might Not be best that this Monthly Meeting be divided into two Meetings, the Same is taken Under Notice & George Smith, Jacob Arnold, George Comstock & Rufus Smith Antipas Earle Danl. Aldrich, David Farnum Jazaniah Barret, David Steere Oziel Wilkinson Joseph Randall & Amasa Gray together with such Women Friends as may be Appointed, Are Appointed to Consider of the Same & to hear the Objections if Any there Are, & report to Next Monthly Meeting what they think is best to be done

Uxbridge Preparative Meeting Informing that Joseph Mosher desired A Certificate to Dartmouth Monthly Meeting setting forth his Clearness in respect to Marriage Engagements Among Us, Whereupon William Basset & William Buffum Are Appointed to Make the Necessary Enquiry, & prepare A Certificate if they find Nothing to hinder & bring to Next Monthly Meeting-

All the Remainder of the Business before this Meeting is refer'd to Next monthly Meeting

Thomas Arnold Clerk

3 mo
1782

At our monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 28th of the 3 mo. 1782 —

The Meeting being convened the Representatives from the Preparative Meetings Are. — From
Smithfd. Upper house Adam Harkness Jur. & Jacob Arnold
" Uxbridge Thomas Eddy & William Bassette
Smithfd. Lower House David Hills & Augustus Lapham
Who being Called Are All present. —

The Clerk being Absent Thomas Lapham is desired to Supply his place. —

Stephen Baker, son of John, who requested the Care of Friends At Smithfield Upper house preparative Meeting Appeared in this Meeting & still requesting the same Benedict Arnold, David Buffum, William Basset Are Appointed to take A Solid Opportunity with him concerning the Motives of his request & suitableness of becoming a Member of Our Society, & report to next monthly Meeting. —

Jesse Bartlet who requested the Care of Friends at Uxbridge Preparative Meeting Appeared in this Meeting & still requesting the same James Smith, Thomas Lapham & George Comstock Are Appointed to take a Solid Opportunity with him concerning the Motives of his request & suitableness of becoming A Member of our Society & report to Next monthly Meeting. —

Three of the Comtee. to consider what further (if any thing) be Necessary to publish Respecting Isaac Kelley, Report that they Apprehend the publishing Any thing further At present Would not be Usefull

The Matter Referd in the first month Respecting Settling with Luke Aldrich, Was read up before this

Meeting & the Comtee Not having Settled with Luke they Are Continued to Settle that matter At the best Terms they can According to Justice & Equity, And Report to this Meeting in the fifth month Next.

Smithfield Upper house preparative Meeting Inform by their Minute of this & last month that they have raised for the Use of the monthly Meeting the Sum of £9..15..4. The other preparative Meetings Are desired to Send An Acct. to Next month, of the money they have ~~f~~ or may Subscribe for said Use.

The Comtee Appointed to see the Marriages of Nicholas Easton, John Allsop & George Hazzard Consummated Report that the said Marriages were Consummated in the General to Satisfaction The Friends Appointed Report that by Enquiry They find Nothing to hinder Elihu Bowen Jur. from proceeding in Marriage with Martha Potter, & they Appearing in this Meeting Recd. their Answer in Order for Marriage & Benjamin Arnold & Thomas Lapham Are Appointed to See the Same Consummated, & Report to next monthly Meeting Also George Crane & Phila Aldrich Appeared & declared their Intentions of takeing each other in Marriage, the same having been laid before Uxbridge Preparative Meeting. Whereupon John Bowen And Richard Mowry Are Appointed to Enquire Into his Clearness in that Respect & report to next monthly meeting.

The Matter refered Concerning Jashub Wing being read Up before this Meeting, & no Friend Mentioning A desire to have the Matter further Refered, this Meeting feels Clear to proceed to the Denial. Accordingly he is Just-

From Under the Care of Friends As A Member Untill he Shall Make Satisfaction for his Misconduct & George Comstock & Elisha Steere Are Appointed to Inform him of his denial & Right of Appeal & draw A Testimony of his Denial & bring to Next Monthly Meeting.—

Three of the Comtee. Appointed in the Case of David Farnum Report that they have in Company with the Womens Comtee. Visited David & his Family & find No Objection to his being Appointed to the Place of An Elder. Which Report After Solid Consideration Was Sent to the Womens Meeting, & they Approving of the Same Said Report is Accepted, & he appointed to the Place of An Elder.——

The Meeting Adjourns to the 10th hour tomorrow morning

29th day Met by Adjournment, the Representatives being Called Were All present.—

The Comtee that Stands Appointed to Collect Subscriptions for the Yearly Meetings School, Are desired to Make Report to next monthly Meeting, in Order that the Same may be forwarded to the Meeting for Sufferings before the Yearly Meeting.—

This Meeting directs the Treasurer to pay Ten pounds to the Quarterly Meetings Treasurer towards the £60. directed to be raised at the last Yearly Meeting

The Matter Respecting Beulah Kelley's paper of Acknowledgemt. is refered to Next monthly Meeting the Comtee. then to Report.—

The Comtee (all but Thomas Arnold who Was Necessarily Absent) appointed to Visit Richmond Report Which being Read is Accepted And is as follows.

Whereupon Friends being desirous that Friends there may be Accommodated with A meeting house as soon As may be convenient do now conclude that the house be built At the same place & same bigness agreed to by the Report of a Comtee. Entered on the Minutes of this Meeting in the second month 1778. & for the forwarding said Work our Friends Jonathan Arnold, George Arnold And Jacob Arnold Are Appointed to ~~assist~~ Assist the Friends who Stand Appointed for that Service, who Are Daniel Cass Jedediah Buffum, Jonathan Gaskile & Abraham Randall they or such of them as they may Agree upon, to take a Deed of the Lott in behalf of Friends And Engage the Money Agreed Upon in said Minute as purchase Money, the Comtee. to report When the business is Accomplished, or sooner if Necessary. - - - - - - - -

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The Comtee Appointed Report that they have had an Opportunity with George Buffum, And that he Appeared in A hopefull State of mind, & think best he be Waited on to see how he may come forward, Whereupon that matter is refer'd under the Care of the Comtee They to report in the Seconth month or sooner if Necessary. The Comtee Respecting the divideing the Monthly Meeting Report that they have met several Times Upon the Subject & think best the Matter be refer'd, therefore the same is continued Under the care of the Comtee they to report their Sense thereof to next Monthly Meeting. This meeting Apprehending it might be usefull to Appoint A Comtee to visit mendon & North-Bridge Meetings, accordingly Daniel Aldrich, Robert Wilkinson, Benedict Arnold, Augustus Lapham & Ananias Mowry Are desired to visit said Meetings, set with & advise Friends Respecting their Attendance of their Middleweek Meetings, & other Matters Wherein they Need Advice And Assistance, & to Consider the propriety of Adding Another Middle-week meeting at North Bridge, They to pay Attention to this Appointment from Time to Time & make Report in the 5mo. or sooner if Necessary.—

The Friends Appointed Report that by Enquiry Joseph Mosher Appeared clear of Marriage Engagements Among us, Accordingly he Rec: A Certificate Signifying the same to Dartmouth Monthly Meeting

Smithfield Upper house Preparative Meeting Informing that Adam Harkness Jur. proposes Moving to Hoosick Wherefor George Arnold & Benjamin Peirce Are appointed to make the Necessary Enquiry Respecting the Settlemt.

of his Affairs & if Necessary prepare a Certificate & Report to Next Monthly Meeting.—

Uxbridge Preparative Meeting Informing that Moses Aldrich son of Benjamin smith Neglects the attendance of our Religious Meetings, declines plainness, has attended Trainings & frequents Vain & loose Company, & he having been Laboured with for his out goings without the desired Effect Whereupon Benedict Remington Josiah Shove & Nehemiah Sprague Are desired to further labour with him for his Recovery & report to next Monthly Meeting.—

Smithfield Lower house preparative Meeting Informing that the Wall round the Meeting house yard at Providence Wants repairing, Thereupon William Buffum David Steere Robert Wilkinson, Benedict Arnold Daniel Aldrich Are appointed to Inspect the Matter Estimate the Cost & Consider the ~~Matter~~ Circumstances attending, & Report to Next Monthly Meeting What may Appear to them Necessary to be done.—

The Queries And Answers from the Several preparative Meetings, with general Answers Composed therefrom, were all all read & the general Answers Sent with An Account to the Quarterly Meeting Which Was read approved of & signed by the Clerk. the Representatives therein Mentioned to attend the Quarterly Meeting Are David Wadsworth, Augustus Lapham, Benedict Arnold & Joseph Comstock

Our Friends Joseph Congdon & Augustus Lapham Are Appointed to remove the Monthly Meeting Records & Valuable papers from the former to the present Clerk, Thomas Arnold & Report to Next Monthly Meeting.

Rec: from the Meeting for Sufferings 190 London Epistles of the Last year Also 200. copies of the Address of Friends of Pensylvania presented to the General Assembly of that Province Which Were divided to Each Preparative Meeting for the Use of Friends. —

April
1782

At our Monthly meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 25th of the 4th mo 1782 —

The Meeting being convened the Representatives Appearing from the preparative Meetings Are
From. Smithf: Upper house Jabez Wing & George Smith
from.. Uxbridge John Eddy & Josiah Shove —
from. Smithfield Lower house Oziel Wilkinson & Moses Smith —
The Clerk not being present Job Scott is desired to write for the Meeting in his stead —

The Comtee Appointed to have An Opportunity with Stephen Baker Report that they have had One & thinks it may be safe to grant his request, Accordingly he is Accepted A member under the care of this meeting

The Friends appointed on Jesse Bartlett's request not having had An Opportunity with him by reason of bodily Indisposition, that Matter is refer'd to next mo'ly Meeting Under the care of the same Friends, they then to Report. — This Meeting Rec: an Epistle from Our last quarterly Meeting which was read to Satisfaction

Also rec: A Copy of a Minute from the Meeting for sufferings of the 4th mo. last, Informing of the Conclusion of that Meeting to hold the next Yearly Meeting at Newport — Unless some Unforeseen Event prevents, which if Any should, then to be held here. —

Smithfield Upper preparative Meeting Informed in their minutes that they have raised & del:d to the Treasurer £3.19.8. which is in addition to the Acct: sent to last monthly Meeting..

Uxbridge preparative Meeting inform that they have Subscribed £11.2. they Are desired to send an Acct. of What they have raised to next Monthly Meetg.

And Smithf:d lower preparative Meeting (Not having done it) Are desired to send An Account of what they have raised to next monthly Meeting.

The Comt.ee Appointed Report that they have Attended the Marriage of Elihu Bowen Jur: & that it was conducted in A good degree Orderly.

The Friends Appointed Report that they having made the Necessary enquiry, they dont find Any thing to prevent George Crane's proceeding in Marriage with Phila Aldrich. thereupon they Appeared in this Meeting & Rec:d their Answer in Order for Marriage. & David Wadsworth & William Basset Are Appointed to attend the Accomplishment of their Said Marriage, & to report to Next Monthly Meeting.

The Friends Appointed report that they have Informed Jashub Wing According to Appointment they also produced A testimony of his Denial, which not being fully Satisfactory, said Friends are desired to Make some Amendments therein & bring the same to next monthly Meeting

The Comt:ee to Collect Subscriptions for the Yearly

Meeting's School Report that nothing has been lately Subscribed On that Account, said Comtee are Again desired to attend to that Matter And move for A Subscription in each preparative Meeting & Report to next monthly Meeting.—

The Comtee Appointed on Acct. of Bulah Shelly's Acknowledgemt. Reported A draught of a Letter to Hooso Monthly Meeting, Which being Amended was sent to our women's meeting in Order to be sent forward to that Monthly Meeting.—

Most of the Friends appointed on the Motion for divideing this Monthly Meeting reported in writing Which is refered to next monthly Meeting for Consider-ation — The Comtee Appointed On Account of Adam Harkness Junrs. prosed Removal Reported A draught of a Certificate in behalf of him his wife & Children to the Monthly Meeting of East Hoosock, which being to satisfaction Was signed by Job Scott Clerk for this Time, the Children's Names Are Deborah, Asa Daniel & Mary.—

The Comtee in the Case of Moses Aldrich son of Benjamin made Report whereby it appears that the desires of Friends to wait Longer on him, Accordingly that matter is refered to next monthly Meeting under the Care of the Same Comtee with Rufus Smith added to them. they to take a further Opportunity with him & then Report.—

The Comtee Appointed respecting

Repairing the Meeting house Wall at Providence Report that they think it may be best to repair it, & the gates & to Cover the Wall with timber having Computed the Cost at £25„10. for Which Sum Jonathan Arnold Jur. having pro-cured the Same to be done, this Meeting agrees to give him the Same, & desires him to proceed to the Accomplishment thereof & when finished to Bring in his bill for said Sum. –

The Friends Appointed report that they have Not Removed the Records &c. they Are desired to do the same & report to our Next meeting. –

Upon a Request from Uxbridge preparative Meetg Samuel & Peter Aldrich Are Appointed to have the Care of Friends Meeting house & burying Ground at North-bridge. – & William Basset & David Farnum Jur. to have the Care of that at Uxbridge. —— David Buffum Returned the Certificate he Recd. from this Meeting in the ~~fifth~~ first month last, with An Indorsemt. thereon from the Monthly Meeting at Salem Signifying that he Attended their Said Meeting in Company with William Jackson & that his Visit was Satisfactory. –

At our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 30th of the 5th mo. 1782. —

The Meeting being convined the Representatives ap-pearing from the Preparative Meetings Are. –

From Smithfield Upper house Seth Kelley & David Buffum from Uxbridge ... David Farnum & David Wadsworth; from Smithfd. Lower house, Caleb Greene And

Asa Potter. This Meeting was Informed that the Clerk who being Absent today as Well as the two last monthly Meetings was by reason of Sickness in his Family & other Satisfactory reasons; And George Comstock is desired to Supply his place this time.

This meeting Recieved a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Friends at the Western district of Nine Partners on behalf of Barzillai Bunker Informing that he Expected to reside some time within the Verge of this Meeting. Which Was read & accepted.

The Comt^{ee} on Joseph Battee's request, report that they have had an Opportunity with him, & think it is best to recieve him As a Member of our Society he is Accepted Accordingly.

The Friends Appointed to visit Mendon And North bridge Meetings Report that it is their Judgm^{t}. that it will be best for North Bridge Friends to Attend the 4th day Meeting At Mendon as heretofore directed by A minute of this Meeting.

The Friends Appointed Report that the Marriag of Georg Crane According to their Observation was conducted Orderly.

The Friends Appointed Not having compleated the Testimony of Denial of Jashub Wing to the full Satisfaction of all. that Matter is refered to Next monthly Meeting, Under the Care of the Same Comt^{ee} they Then to Report.

The Comt^{ee} to Collect Subscriptions for the Yearly Meeting's School Report that they have Collected

In Addition to the former Subscriptions the Amount of £20..2.. for the fund And £3..7.. for the present year. And the Lower preparative Meeting proposing to the Consideration of this Meeting, Whether it might Not be best to Appropriate A Certain Sum As A monthly Meeting towards the Setting up & Supporting the Yearly Meeting School — that matter is refer'd to the Consideration of next monthly Meeting.

The Report of the Comtee. Respecting Dividing the Monthly Meeting, was read in this Meeting & is refer'd to Next Monthly Meeting for further Consideration

The Comtee. in the Case of Moses Aldrich son of Benjamin Report in Writing that they have had an Other opportunity with him Which Was Not to Satisfaction, & that it was their Sense of the Case that it was best to disown Unity with him as A Member, & the Members of this Meeting feeling themselves clear do make up Judgmt. in the Case Accordingly. & William Buffum & Elisha Smith Are desired to Inform him of this Judgment & of his right of Appeal, & draw A testimony of his Denial & make return to Next Monthly Meeting. —

The Comtee. to remove the Records &c Not having done that Service they Are desired to finish the Same & make Report to Next Monthly Meeting.

The Lower preparative Meeting Inform that they have Subscribed £19. ~~towards~~ for the Monthly Meetings Stock & directed the Same to be sent to the Treasurer: And Uxbridge that they have raised

£9.11.5½ And Ordered the Same to be sent to the Treasur. Uxbridge Preparative Meeting Informing that William Rotch Jun. of Nantucket proposed to lay his Intention of Marriage with ~~Wid~~ Elizabeth Rodman before this Meeting, he producing a certificate from that Meeting signifying his being A member thereof & his parents Consent & freedom from Other Marriage Engagements they Appeared in this Meeting & declared their Intentions Accordingly And were Refered to Next Monthly Meeting for An Answer. — Uxbridge Preparative Meeting Informing that John Eddy requested the Care of Friends for his Son Jesse; Daniel Aldrich, David Wadsworth Robert Wilkinson Are Appointed to take A Solid Opportunity with the Lad & his Parents, & report their Sense of the Case to next monthly Meeting. —

This Meeting Adjourns to the 9th hour Tomorrow.

31st day met by Adjournment, the Representatives all present. —

The Comtee Appointed report in writing as follows, viz, "We of the Comtee to Settle with Luke Aldrich One of the Trustees of the Donation of Rachell Thayer having met with said Luke Aldrich And Examined into the Circumstances of his taking in Some of the Donation in paper Money, Some of Which Appears to have

Been kept by him untill this time, therefore we agreed to take of him One hundred & Ten paper Dollars, & A Note for thirty hard Dollars Which We delivered to William Buffum & gave him A Receit in full

30th of the 3mo. 1782.
David Steere
Thomas Lapham
Wm Buffum
Jacob Arnold
David Wadsworth—

By Which Report it appears there is A Considerable Loss in that Donation but seeing no way to settle that Matter more Equitably the Report is Accepted.—

The Comtee to Collect the Sufferings of Friends having Exhibited Such Accounts as Friends have afforded them, which Not being So fully Intelligible as is Necessary Caleb Greene William Buffum & Benedict Arnold are Appointed to Assist that Comtee in Correcting & compleeting Said Accounts And forwarding the Same to the Meeting for Sufferings to be held Next at Rhode Island preceding the Yearly Meeting.—

As the next Quarterly Meeting is to be held at this House William Buffum & George Comstock are appointed to provide horsekeeping for that time

Barzillai Bunker who produced a Certificate to this Meeting Yesterday from A Monthly Meeting in the Nine Partners, Recd. by Way of Indorsement A few lines from this Meeting Signed by the Clerk—

At A monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 27. 6mo. 1782.

The Representatives Appointed from the Preparative Meetings Are —

from Smithfield Upper house Nehemiah Sprague And Daniel Allen. —
Uxbridge Joseph Mosher & John Bowen
Smithfd Lower house Amasa Gray & Thos. Lapham

Who being called were all present Except John Bowen who is Absent by Reason of Sickness in his Family.

The Comtee in the case of Jashub Wing Informing they have not fulfill'd their Appointment, that Matter is refer'd And they desired to pay the Necessary Attention thereto & Report to next monthly Meeting

The matter proposed by the Lower Preparative Meeting of Appropriating A Certain Sum by this Meeting towards forwarding the Yearly meeting's School is Again Refer'd to next Monthly Meeting

The Matter of Dividing the Monthly refer'd from Last Month, is also refer'd Again to next Monthly Meeting. The Friends Appointed to Inform Moses Aldrich Son of Benjamin of his Denial & Right of Appeal, And to draw A testimony of his Denial Report they have Informed him According to Appointment, but have Not drawn A testimony for Want of a Copy of the Complaint Against him Which they Are desired to do & Bring to next Moth
Meeting -

The Comtee Appointed to Remove the Records Report that they have Recd: the Papers from the former Clerk, But have not del: them to the present one Which they Are desired to do. —

It appearing by Extracts from this Meetings Records that Amey Spreague & Elizabeth Spreague Children of John Spreague have had a right of Membership in this Meeting, but they having been absent A considerable Time with their Parents, & this Meeting being Informed there Are likely other Children of the Same Parents Under Similar Circumstances; Rufus Smith David Farnum & William Bassett Are Appointed to Make Enquiry into their present Standing in respect to Society, & what may be best for this Meeting to do Respecting them; & Report to Next monthly Meeting. ——

William Rotch Jur. And Elizabeth Rodman Who laid their Intentions of Marriage before last Monthly Meeting Appeared in this Meeting And had their Answer in Order for Marriage And Antipas Earl & Moses Brown Are Appointed to See the Same Consummated And Report to next monthly Meeting.

The Friends Appointed Upon John Eddy's Request for his Son Jesse, Report they have had An Opportunity with him & thinks it safe to Accept him a member of this Meeting which being Satisfactory he is Accepted Accordingly

The Queries with Answers thereto from the Several preparative Meetings, were read in this Meeting & general Answers Composed therefrom & approved of Were Sent up in An Account to the Quarterly Meeting by Our Representatives who Are Adam Harkness Joseph Comstock David Mowry of Smithfield & Joseph Mosher

The Women Inform they have Accepted Lucy Comstock wife of Samuel Comstock A Member of Our Society

This Meeting being Informed by way of Smithfd. Upper preparative Meeting that John Earl & Family have Removed within the Verge of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting without A Certificate, Whereupon William Buffum Benjamin Pearce & Geo. Smith Are Appointed to Make the Necessary Enquiry & if they find Nothing to hinder prepare A Certificate for them & Bring to Next monthly Meeting. —

Uxbridge Preparative Meeting Informing that Aron Aldrich hath Attended at the Removal of A Building Upon Which Occasion in A dispute with Another of the Company About a cup of Cyder he Used threatening & Prophane Language, falling into A passion, for which he has been Laboured with by Friends but hath not given Satisfaction; whereupon Elisha Thornton, George Comstock, Rufus Smith & William Buffum Are Appointed to take An Opportunity with him Respecting his disorderly

Conduct & Labour for his Amendment & make Report to next monthly Meeting.

Smithfield Upper preparative Meeting Inform that they have Raised & Sent up to the Treasurer the Sum of fifteen Shillings in Addition to their Last Subscription. — Elisha Arnold is Appointed to read the Testimony of Thomas Lapham's (son of Solomon) denial At the Close of a publick Meeting At Uxbridge & report to next monthly Meeting.

This Meeting Recd: a Certificate from Swansey Monthly Meeting in behalf of Benjamin Earl who proposes to reside some time within the Verge of this Meeting.

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At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfd the 25th of the 7th mo: 1782. The Meeting being Convened the Representatives from the Preparative Meetings Are

from Smithfd Upper house George Arnold & Jonathan Mowry
Uxbridge Amos Baker & Richard Mowry —
Smithfd: Lower house Danl: Anthony & Elisha Steere

Who being Called Are All present Except Daniel Anthony Who is Absent by Reason of Sickness

Uxbridge preparative Meeting Informed that Nicholas Battee Appeared in that Meeting & requested to Come Under the Care of Friends, he also Appeared in this Meeting & made the like request

Whereupon Thomas Lapham Rufus Smith Joseph Southwick And Amasa Gray Are Appointed to take A Solid Opportunity with him concerning the Motives of his request & Suitablness of becomeing A member of Our Society & report to our Next monthly Meeting

The Comtee in the Case of Jashub Wing refered from last month, At this time Reported a Testimony of Denial agnst him, which being read & Approved of was Signed by the Clerk ~~And~~ George Arnold is Appointed to read it At the Close of A publick Meeting at Weyunkheage And at this house & report to next monthly Meeting

The Matter Referd from last monthly meeting respecting the granting & Appropriating A Sum of money by this Meeting towards forwarding the Yearly meeting's School comeing Again Under Consideration Our Friends Daniel Aldrich Elisha Steere, Ananias Mowry Benedict Arnold George Smith George Arnold William Buffum Joseph Comstock Augustus Lapham Jonathan Mowry David Wadsworth Jaazaniah Barrett Are Appointed to take that Matter Under Weighty Consideration & Examine into the Nature & use of the Learning there proposed to be Taught, And also What advantages may be likely from thence to Arise to our Society & to make Report to this Meeting As soon As May be what appears to them best for this Meeting to do therein —

The Matter of Dividing this Monthly Meeting Came Under Consideration & Several Friends Expressing

Their minds Upon it the Same is Refer'd ~~Untill~~ to the 9th mo next for further Consideration

The Comtee in the Case of Moses Aldrich son of Benjamin At this time Reported A Testimony of Denial Which being Read And Approved of was Signed by the Clerk

This Meeting is Informed that the papers thereto belonging Are delivered from the former ~~to the~~ present Clerk

The Comtee Appointed in the Case of John Spragues Children Report they have paid Attention to that Matter but are Not fully ripe to Make Report what is best to be done in that Case that matter is therefore Refer'd under their Care they to Report in the 9th mo Next

The Comtee Appointed to Attend the Marriage of William Rotch Junr & Elizabeth Rodman Report that they Attended the Same & that it was Conducted in An Exemplary Manner

The Comtee Appointed produced A Certificate in behalf of John Earle Wife & Family directed to Rhode Island Monthly Meeting their Names Are, of his Wife Dorcas, his Children Dorcas Abigail, John, Eunice, Sarah, Elizabeth & Barney Which Was read Approved of & Signed by the Clerk

The Comtee Appointed in the Case of Aaron Aldrich Report that they have had An Opportunity with him & propose that the Matter be refer'd One Month in order to have Another Opportunity with him, the Same is refer'd Accordingly The Friend Appointed reports he has read The Testimony of Denial of Thomas Lapham Son of Solomon According to Appointment

Uxbridge Preparative Meeting Informing that John Bennet has much Neglected the Attendance of our religious Meetings Also the Education of his Family in the way of Truth, that he has been Unkind to his mother, & has paid A Tax Wholly for the purpose of War. for all Which he has been Laboured with Friends without the desired Effect, whereupon this Meeting Appoints George Smith, Joseph Comstock & Joseph Buffum Rufus Smith & Elisha Thornton to pay him A Visit & Labour for his Recovery to A sense of his Misconduct & present State & make Report to next monthly Meeting

Said Meeting also Inform that Solomon Lapham hath much Neglected the Attendance of our Religious Meetings & hath paid Taxes Wholly for the purpose of War & upon being Laboured with manifested No Disposition to make Friends Satisfaction Whereupon Oziel Wilkinson Benja Arnold Annanias Mowry & Amasa Gray Are Appointed to take An Opportunity with him Respecting Said Transgressions & to labour for his Recovery to a sense of his Situation And make Report to next monthly Meeting. This Meeting Recd the Epistle from the Last Quarterly meeting together with the Several Copies & Extracts Therein Mentioned, Which Were all read to good Satisfaction - - The Women Inform they have Accepted Susannah Wadsworth Daughter of David

The Yearly Meeting having Recommend

The Sum of Fifty pounds to be raised for the Yearly Meetings Stock the Year Ensuing. the preparative Meetings Are desired to Subscribe therefor in freedom & Send up to this Meeting.

This Meeting Rec.d the Acc.t of Sufferings Sent back from the Meeting for Sufferings the Reading whereof is refer'd to Next month. — Thomas Arnold Clerk

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 29th of the 8th mo. 1782. the Meeting being Convened the Representatives Appointed by the Preparative Meetings Are from Smithf.d Upper house Rufus Smith & William Arnold Uxbridge Daniel Aldrich & Lemuel Brown Smithf.d Lower house Amasa Gray & Tho.s Lapham — Who being called Are All present. —

George Arnold Reports that he has not fully Accomplished the reading Jashub Wing's Testimony of Denial, he is therefore desired to Accomplish the Same & Report to next monthly Meeting. . The Comt.e Appointed last month to consider of Granting a sum of Money for the purpose of forwarding the Yearly Meeting's Schools Inform that they have Met Upon that Subject but Are not fully ready to make Report. They Are Therefore desired to give their further Attention to that Matter & Report to next Monthly Meeting

The Comtee Appointed upon the request

of Nicholas Battee Report that they have paid Attention to that Matter, but not being fully ripe in their Judgment desire it may be Referd to next Monthly Meeting, Whereupon the Same is referd Accordingly they then to Report. —— The Comt^{ee} in the Case of Aron Aldrich Inform that they have had no Opportunity with him Since last month. It is therefore Referd Under their Care to Next monthly Meeting they then to Report. —

The Comt^{ee} Appointed in the Case of John Bennet Report that they have Visitted him According to Appointment, & think Well that he be Waited Upon According to his request, if it be Agreable to the Meeting, whereupon that Matter is referd to the Tenth month Under the Care of the said Comt^{ee} they then to Report —

The Comt^{ee} All except One, in the Case of Solomon Lapham, Report that they have had two Opportunities with him, & that he Manifested at the last but little if Any disposition to make Friends Satisfaction, yet they having but A short time with him at the last & A Friend desireing to have the Matter referd One Month in Order to see him, Therefore it is Referd under the Care of said Comt^{ee} to Whom Jonathan Mowry is Added & they Are desired to Report to Next Monthly

Meeting.—

The Women having laid before this Meeting An Acknowledgement from Ruth Reed, & requesting the Assistance of this Meeting Respecting the Same Our Friends Adam Harkness, William Bassett Benj.a Smith Joseph Congdon & Thomas Arnold Are Appointed to join A Comt.ee of Women Friends in A Visit to her In Order to Discover her Sincerity therein, & to make Report to Next Monthly Meet.g

This Meeting Rec.d A Certificate from Nantucket Monthly Meeting in behalf of Sarah Gardiner & her three Children Namely Edward, Benjamin & Lydia Recommending them to the Care of this Meeting, they having removed within the Verge thereof, Which is Accepted —— The preparative Meetings Not having Sent Up Any thing in Consequence of the Recommendation of Last month, & it appearing that this Meeting Wile want the Sum of fifteen pounds to discharge the Demands Now against the Treasury It is thereupon Recommended that Friends Subscribe thereto also & send Up to next monthly meeting —

Smithfield Upper house preparative Meeting Informing that Georg Comstock Requested the Care of Friends For his son George Whereupon Augustus Lapham Benedict Arnold & Ananias Mowry are appointed to take An Opportunity in his Family & Indeavour to discover the Suitableness of said Request being

Being Granted & report to next Monthly Meeting

The Comtee Appointed to Visit Weyank-heague & Scituate Meetings Make Report in Writing which being read the Same is directed to be lodged On file, & the Consideration thereof Refered to next monthly Meeting, they in the Meantime to Extend their Care to said Meetings As before desired

This Meeting being Informed by way of Uxbridge preparative Meeting that Benajah Aldrich Son of Stephen hath gone Contrary to Our Religious profession in Many Respects, particularly in Associating him-self with Vain Company in places of Merryment Also At A marriage out of the Order of Friends; ~~Where~~ Whereupon George Arnold William Buffum Amos Baker & Smith Brown Are Appointed to take An Opportunity And Labour with him for his Amendment & Restoration & Make Report to Next Monthly Meeting.

It appearing by A former Minute of this Mtg. that the time proposed for the present Visitors to Make Report of their proceedings is Elapsed, Whereupon they Are requested to make Report to this Meeting in Next Month of their Labour & proceedings in said Service—

The reading of the Account of Sufferings sent back from the meeting for Sufferings is refered to Next monthly Meeting.

Our Friend Benedict Arnold Informed this Meeting that he had thought of Accompanying our Friend William Jackson As far As the Oblong & Nine

Partners of Which this Meeting Approves And
the Clerk is directed to give him A Copy of this Minute

A Certificate in behalf of Our Friend William
Jackson directed to the Monthly held at New Garden
Chester County Pensylvania signifying our Satisfaction in his Company & Service was read in this
Meeting Approved of & Signed by the Clerk —

Thos. Arnold Clerk —

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At a monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Smithfield the 26th 9mo. 1782

The Meeting being Convened the Representatives
Appointed by the Preparative Meetings Are from
Smithf. Upper house. George Arnold & Jacob Arnold
Uxbridge Joseph Mosher & James Smith
Smithf. Lower house. Caleb Greene & Joseph Bassett
Who being Called Are all Present

The Comtee. Upon the request of Nicholas Battee
Refered from last Monthly Meeting Made Report that
they have all but one had Another Opportunity with him
& it is their Sense he is Sincere in his request. &
that it will be Safe to Accept him A Member of our
Society, Which being Agreeable to this Meeting he is
Accepted Accordingly

This Meeting Recd. A few lines by way of
Certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting in behalf
of Asa Hoxie son of Cornelius, who is placed as an
Apprentice within the Verge of this Meeting

Georg Arnold Reports that the Testimony of Jashub

Wing's Denial has been Read.—

The Comtee Appointed in the Case of ~~[illegible]~~ Aron Aldri Report that they have Visited him, All but Rufus Smith, who is Absent upon An Appointment of the Yearly Meeting & think best the Matter be Referd to Next monthly Meetg. Which is Referd Accordingly under the Care of the Said Comtee. The Comtee in the Case of Solomon Lapham made Report that they have paid him Anoth Visit, & that he requested this Meeting to wait Upon him in Order that he may Indeavour to Make Satisfaction, And that they think Well of Continuing it two Months if this Meeting Approves of it. It is therefore refered Accordingly Under the Care of Said Comtee.

The Friends Who Were Appointed to Assist the Women in the Case of Ruth Reed, Are Still Continued to attend to that Service And Report to Next monthly Meeting.— ~~Smithfield Upper house preparative Meeting~~ to Which Time that Matter is refered in the Women's Meeting.— Smithfield Upper house preparative Meeting Inform they have raised & paid to the Treasurer £7..4.2.—

The lower Meeting Inform that they have raised £8..4..8 — Uxbridge Inform they have Subscribed £5..13..6 which is directed to be paid the Treasurer.—

This Meeting Directs their Treasurer to pay the Sum of Six pounds to the Yearly Meeting's Treasurer As their Subscription for the Yearly Meeting's Stock.

Two of the Comtee Appointed Upon George Comstocks request for the Care of Friends for his Son George, Report that they have paid him & his Wife A Visit Upon that Subject & they think best that said request be granted which this Meeting Approves & his son is Accepted Accordingly.–

The Report of the Comtee Appointed to Visit Scituate & Wiyonghagen Meetings being Mislaid from Among the Papers present, that Matter is therefore referd Again to Next Monthly Meeting Under the Care of the Comtee as before.–

The Acknowledgement of Sarah Trask being laid before this Meeting by the Women's Meeting, requesting the Advice & Judgement of this Meeting in respect to her Acceptance & restoration Whereupon this Meeting Appoints David Farnum David Steere Thomas Lapham & Caleb Greene to Join A Comtee of Women Friends in A Visit to her, to Endeavour to feel Out the State & Disposition of her Mind, & the Suitableness of her being restored to Membership Among Friends, & make Report to Next monthly Meeting.

The Comtee Appointed to labour with Benajah Aldrich son of Stephen Report that they have had An Opportunity with him, but that he Appeared to be very Indifferent & Careless respecting his Transgressions, declineing to give Friends Any further Opportunity tho proposed to him, & that he gave little or No Encouragement of Making Satisfaction, Yet in Consideration of his Youth, this

Meeting

Meeting thinks best to refer the Matter to Next Monthly Meeting under the Care of the Said Comtee they then to report.

The Matter of the Viſitors Making Report is Refered to next Monthly Meeting

The Comtee to Consider of Granting something to Encourage the Yearly Meetings School having Met again & not being ready to make report it is again Refered to next monthly Meeting

The Matter of Dividing the monthly Meeting refered from the 7th mo. last is Again refered to Next Monthly Meeting. —

The Queries Were read in this Meeting & Anſwers thereto Approved of & sent up to the Quarterly Meeting by Jonathan Mowry, Eliſha Thornton Eliſha Arnold, Thomas Lapham & John Holden Who Are Appointed Our Repreſentatives At this Time to Attend the Quarterly Meeting.

The reading the Accounts of Friends Sufferings is again refered to Next Monthly Meeting

Benedict Arnold returned A Copy of a Minute granted last Month to Accompany William Jackſon as far as the Oblong he not having performed his Intended Journey by reaſon of Sickneſs in his Family — The Comtee Appointed to build the Meeting house At Richmond Are deſired to take Out Subſcriptions & preſent to Friends by

Occasion may Offer for the purpose of Defraying the Expence of Building Said house & to receive the Subscriptions & convert them to that Use.—

And Friends Are desired to Contribute thereto in Freedom.—

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 31st of the 10th mo. 1782.—

The Meeting being Convened the Representatives Appointed by the preparative Meetings Are
From Smithfd. Upper house Jabez Wing & Benja. Pearce Uxbridge Benedict Arnold & Josiah Shove.
Smithfd. Lower house Caleb Greene & Elisha Thorn
Who being Called Are All present.—

This Meeting recd. the Epistle from the Quarterly Meeting which Was Read to Satisfaction, & the Appointmt. of A Comttee As Recommended therein, to Make Inquiry & Assist Friends in Makeing their Wills, Coming Under Consideration, Our Friends George Comstock, Thoms. Lapham Benedict Arnold Jaazaniah Barrett Robert Wilkinson David Farnum Thos. Arnold Are Appointed for that Service, to call upon Such Friends As Are deficient, & to Assist them in Making their Wills & Make Report in the 12th mo.

The Case of George Buffum Refer'd from the 3rd mo. Comeing before this Meeting, & one of the Comttee in that Case Informing they have had no Opportunity with him Since that time, but have Some Expectation of his comeing Down to these parts on that Account, that Matter is refer'd under the Care of said Comttee they

To Report in three Months or sooner if ready —

This Meeting Adjourns to the 10th hour tomorrow Morning —

First day of the Mon.th met by Adjournment

The Representatives being Called Are all present

The Comtee in the Case of Aron Aldrich refer'd from last month not having had An Opportunity with him since that time, they Are Continued to have the Care of that Case & to make Report to next Monthly Meeting. —

The Comtee to join the Women in the Case of Ruth Reed Report that they have all met Upon that business & some of them Several times, but Not being fully Ripe in that Matter propose the Same be Refer'd Untill Next Monthly Meeting, Which is refer'd Accordingly Under their Care they then to report

The Report of the Comtee to Visit Weyonykeege & Satuate Meetings Not being present at this time the Same is refer'd to Next Mothly Meeting

The Comtee of Men & Women minds in the Case of Sarah Trasky Made Report yesterday that they thought it best to Accept her Acknowledgement, which Report is Accepted & the Women Informing that they have Concluded She be Restored to membership Again if this Meeting have No Objection the Same is agreed to by this Meeting —

The Comtee in the Case of Benajah Aldrich

Report they have Taken some pains to have Another Opportunity with him but without Effect Nevertheless some Friends Expressing a desire that he might be visited Again that Matter is therefore refer'd in Order to give a further Opportunity to any Friends of the Comtee or others, Who may have a Concern & freedom to further Visit him, & said Comtee to make report to next Monthly Meeting

The Subject of the Visitors Report coming Again Under Consideration, but as it is thought there Were more of that Appointment than Appear in the Copy of the Minute produced, there being an after Appointment the Matter is refer'd to next month In Order for further Search In the Records to be Made. —— The Comtee Except one Appointed to Consider of granting Something to Encourage the Yearly Meetings School Made report that they thought best the Interest of Rachel Thayers Donation for the Term of three Years be Appropriated for that purpose, Which Report is Accepted And it is Concluded by this Meeting that the Interest of the Donation Afors.d be granted to the Meeting for Sufferings, Or to the Yearly Meetings School Comtee for the Time being to be by them Appropriated to & for the Use of the Yearly Meetings School to be paid One years Interest At the Opening

The School the remainder Annually from said Time As it Shall become due, & the Treasurer of this Meeting's School Comtee is hereby directed to pay the Same to the Said Meeting for Sufferings Or their Order Accordingly

The Comtee in the Case of John Bennet refer'd from the 2th mo. Report that they have had An Opportunity with him & think best the Case be Refer'd to next month Which is refer'd Accordingly they then to Report

The Subject of Dividing the Monthly Meeting coming again Under Consideration & the Meeting being Small by reason of the Weather, that Matter is refer'd to Next Monthly Meeting.

A paper of Acknowledgement from Amos Baker Condemning his Mistep in Making some procedure in Order for Marriage without the Necessary Consent, being presented to this Meeting, Benedict Arnold & Rufus Smith Are Appointed to take An Opportunity with him respecting the Same & make Report to Next Monthly Meeting. -

The Comtee Appointed to Bargain for Land for Burying Grounds &c. Made Report that they had Agreed for A piece of Ground At Providence for the purpose of A Burying ground & other Uses for Friends Which is Accepted & Caleb Greene And Thomas Arnold

Are Appointed to take a deed of the Same in behalf of this Meeting & make Report to next monthly Meeting. And the Several preparative Meetings are desired to Subscribe for that purpose in freedom & send up to Next monthly Meeting. —

The School Comm^tee having laid before this Meeting a paper setting forth the difficulties Arising in the Instruction of Children from Parents Neglect in Using the plain Language with propriety themselves, which Appears to Deserve the Attention of this Meeting And is refer'd to Next Monthly Meet^g for Consideration. —

The Account of Friends Sufferings on Account of their Testimony Against War, which Was sent back from the Meeting for Sufferings Was Now Read in this Meeting Approved of ~~[illegible]~~ & ordered to be again Sent Up to the Meeting for Sufferings. —

Signed in P. Meeting by

Thomas Arnold Clerk

11 mo
1782

At A monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 28th of the 11 mo. 1782. —

The Meeting being Convened the Representa-tives from the Several Preparative Meetings Are — From Smithfield Upper Meeting house Benedict Remington & Watter Allen.. Uxbridge, Israel Sabin & William Basset. Lower Meeting house Reuben Blanchard & Joseph Randall all Present.

The Clerk of this Meeting being Absent, who Sent a Satisfactory Reason, therefore this Meeting Appoints Job Scott to write for the meeting this time. —

It Appearing by A minute of the town prepat.ve Meeting that Samuel Hill had requested the Care of Friends in that Meeting, but he Not Appearing in this Meeting to renew his request by reason of his Not being informed how the Matter was left, that Matter is referd to our Next Monthly Meeting. — — The Comtee in the Case of Aaron Aldrich Reports that they have had An opportunity with him since last monthly Meeting And As they they think it may be best, that matter is referd to our Next monthly Meeting under their care they then to Report.

The Comtee in the Case of ~~Ruth Read Aa~~ Ruth Read ~~Aldrich Report that they~~ Not having All had An Opportunity with her since last month, they Are desired to Endeavour to have One between this time And Next Monthly Meeting & then to Report.

The Comtee in the Case of Benajah Aldrich Not having found An Engagement further to visit him & it not Appearing that Any other Friends have visited him Since last month & this Meeting being then Allmost upon the Point of Disowning him As A Member, & now feeling Clear to proceed therein do deny Unity with him as such & Jaazaniah Barret & William Basset Are Appointed to Inform him of his Denial & right of Appeal & draw A Testimony of his denial & Bring to Next Monthly Meeting. —

The Comtee. Respecting the Case of John Bennet Not having had An Opportunity with him by Reason of his not meeting with them, that matter is refer'd to next monthly Meeting under their Care they then to Report. –

The Clerk having Informed this Meeting in Writing that he has Carefully Examined the papers for a later Report of the Comtee. to Visit Scituate & Weyonykhuagen Meetings but cannot find Any therefore said Comtee. Are Desired to Report to Next Monthly Meeting. –

The Friends to take An Opportunity with Amos Baker Report that they have had One Accordingly to good Satisfaction which this Meeting Accepts of passeth by his Misconduct

The Friends Appointed to take A Deed of the Burying Ground At Providence Report that they have Not fully Accomplished that Matter therefore the Same is refer'd untill the 1st mo. 1783. they then to Report. –

The Clerk having sent A Copy of the Additional appointment of Visitors. & the Visitors Reporting as follows, viz, "The Visitors Appointed to Visit the Families belonging to this Monthly Meeting, Report that Most of the Families have been Visited by some or Other of us & some Satisfaction has Resulted in the little progress Made. 28th. 11 mo. 1782. –

Signed on behalf of the Comtee. by Daniel c Henick
The Same is Accepted And all the Friends Under that Appointments Are dismiss'd therefrom & the Matter of A new Appointment is Refer'd to Next Mthly Meeting. –

The Women Inform that they have Rec.d a Certificate in behalf of Lucretia Stratton & Eunice Clark from the Nine Partners Monthly Meeting, & one on behalf of Anna Nichols of ~~Lyn~~ from Lyn. Smithfield Upper preparative Meeting inform that they have began A Subscription towards the Burying ground At Providence, but have not finished it. that Meeting is desired to complete the Same & send it to Next Monthly Meeting. —

The lower preparative Meeting Inform that they have Subscribed £23:8:8 Which they are desired to deliver to the Treasurer. & Uxbridge Preparative Meeting is desired to pay Attention to that Matter & send An Account to Next Monthly Meeting.

David Farnum is desired to read the Testimony of Moses Aldrich's Denial at the Close of a publick Meeting At Uxbridge & report to Next Monthly Meeting

The Whole of the Business which of course would have come before this is referd to Next Monthly Meeting.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 26th of the 12th mo. 1782.

The Meeting being convened the Representatives Appointed from the Preparative Meetings Are —
from Smithf.d Upper house Wm Buffum & George Comstock
Uxbridge Richard Mowry & James Smith. —
Lower house David Steere & Moses Brown. —

Who being called Are All present Except George Comstock Who being Necessarily Absent it is to this Meeting's Satisfaction.

Samuel Hill who is mentioned last month to have Requested the Care of Friends At the Lower Preparative Meeting (but was Not present At the Monthly Meeting) Appeared in this Meeting And Continued his request. Whereupon George Smith Elisha Thornton David Wadsworth & Rufus Smith Caleb Greene & Moses Brown Are Appointed to take A Solid Opportunity with him concerning the Motives Of his request & suitableness of becoming A Member of Our Society & make Report to next Monthly Meeting.—

The subject of Daviding the Monthly Meeting — coming Again Under Consideration, it is concluded to propose to the Consideration of the Quarterly Meeting, whether it may not be best that this Monthly Meeting be divided... The Women having laid before this Meeting A paper of Acknowledgement from Betty Buffum, & Informed this Meeting that they have Appointed A Comtee to visit her Upon that subject; & desire the Assistance of this Meeting therein; Whereupon William Basset George Arnold & Benedict Arnold Are Appointed to Join the Comtee of Women Friends in A visit to her & Make report to Next monthly Meeting.—

Uxbridge preparative Meeting Inform that Amos Baker proposed to lay his Intentions of Marriage with Rachel Richardson before this Meeting. & they Appeared in this Meeting & declared their Intentions accordingly: And Rufus Smith & Benedict Arnold Are Appointed to Enquire into his Clearness in that Respect & make report to Next monthly Meeting. This Meeting Adjourns to the 10th hour tomorrow

27th day met by Adjournment.—

The Representatives being called Are all present except George Comstock, Who is Necessarily Absent as yesterday, & David Allen, Who soon after Appeared.—

A paper from the School Comtee respecting the ill Example of Parents to their Children in Neglecting the Use of the Plain Language with Propriety Comeing Again Under Consideration, Elisha Thornton Moses Brown Thomas Lapham Job Scott & David Farnum Are Appointed to meet with the School Comtee & Jointly to Consider of What Method will be most Usefule to take in Order to remedy Said Difficulties, & to prepare such propositions or Advices As to them Appear likely to be Usefull & report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Queries with Answers from the several preparative Meetings were read in this Meeting, and general Answers Composed therefrom Approved of in Order to be sent to the Quarterly Meeting, which is Order'd to be carried up by Our Representatives who Are Benjamin Arnold Benedict Arnold Elisha Thornton William Basset And Thomas Arnold.

The Matter of A New Appointment of Visitors refer'd from last month, comeing Under Consideration of this Meeting, & being in A good degree favoured with a sense of the Weight of that Important Work, & of its Use to Society when Rightly Engaged in, the Following Friends Were Named to that Service viz Moses Brown, Amasa Gray, Jonathan Mowry, Thomas Lapham, George Arnold — The further Consideration & Appointment is refer'd to Next Monthly Meeting.

The Comtee in the Case of Aaron Aldrich Report that they have had An other Opportunity with him And that it Appeared to be A dull Matter, but they thought it best it be Refer'd two months, which is refer'd Accordingly

Under their Care they then to Report.—

The Comtee ~~in the Case~~ to Assist in the Case of Ruth Read Report they have Most of them had Another Opportunity with her, & thinks there is Aprospect of hope for her Recovery, & propose that Matter be refer'd three months Which is refer'd Accordingly Under their Care, they then to Report.—

The Friends Appointed to Inform & Draw A Testimony of Denial against Benajah Aldrich Report that they have Informed him & produce An Essay of A Denial, which being Read And with some Alterations Approved was signed by the Clerk.—

The Comtee in the case of John Bennet Report that they have had No Opportunity with him by reason of his not Attending the time & place of Meeting them, but one of the Comtee having seen him he Express'd A Desire Friends Would wait further On him Which Affords but little Satisfaction Nevertheless it is Continued in Order that the Comtee May have An Opportunity with him Who Are desired to report Next month.—

The Comtee Appointed to Visit Scituate And Weyongheague Meetings Report that most of them have Attended As Often As way Opened to Some Satisfaction That they think best this Comtee be dismiss'd & Another Appointed, & they Are dismiss'd Accordingly, And A New Appointment Refer'd to Next Monthly Meeting.—

Three of the Comtee to Visit Solomon Lapham Report that they have Visited him, But find but little Encouragement of his Making Friends Satisfaction And he Expressing No desire (upon being Asked) to have the Meeting wait longer On him, but Appearing

In An Indifferent State of Mind, this Meeting disown's Unity with him And Jonathan Mowry And Jaazaniah Barrot Are Appointed to Inform him thereof & his right of Appeal & draw A testimony of his Denial & Bring to Next Monthly Meeting. ~

Several of the Comtee Appointed to Assist Friends in Makeing their Wills Made Report, whereby it Appears some progress has been Made therein, but there Are Many Friends yet Deficient in that Respect, Whereupon said Comtee Are desired to Continue their Attention & labor for A general Complyance with the Quarterly Meetings Advice therein, & make Report in the third month Next. ~

This Meeting being Informed there is Money Wanting to lay in A Supply for the poor, Friends Are desired to Subscribe therefor ~~[illegible]~~ In freedom & Send Up to Next Monthly Meeting. ~

Uxbridge Preparative Meeting Informing that Levi Taft has been for Some Time verry Neglectfull in the Attendance of our Religious meetings, And of late has Sold his Stock to avoid Suffering for Our Religious Testimony, And Upon Engagement in Court gave An Evidence which did Not Appear to be True, whereupon Antipas Earl, Thomas Arnold, Augustus Lapham & William Buffum Are Appointed to take An Opportunity with him respecting the same, And Make Enquiry into the Matter, & make report in the Second month Next or Sooner if Accomplished. ~

Uxbridge Preparative Meeting Inform that they have Subscribed the Sum of five pounds Sixteen

Shillings towards the Burying ground in Providence And Orderd it to be deliverd the Treasurer. —

David Farnum Reports that the Testimonies agnst Abraham Brown & Henry Stead have been read According to Appointment. —

Gardiner Earl Attended this Meeting with a Certificate from Nine Partners Monthly Meeting which was read to Satisfaction & a few lines Indorsed thereon signifying the same.

David Farnum Reports he has not read the Testimony of Denial agnst Moses Aldrich son of Benjamin, he is therefore desired to Read it & report to Next Monthly Meeting. —

Thomas Arnold Clerk —

1-1783 At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held At Smithfield the 30th of the 1st mo 1783. —

The Meeting being Convened the Representatives Appointed from the Preparative Meetings were — from
Smithfd Upperhouse George Smith & Annanias Mowry
Uxbridge — Benjamin Batty & John Eddy
Do Lower House — Augustus Lapham & John Pattin —
Who being Called Are All present. —

Three of the Comttee Appointed in the Care of Samuel Hill report that they have had An Opportunity with him to pretty good Satisfaction, yet as several of the Comttee did not Attend thro Indisposition, it is referd to next month Under their Care they then to Report. — The Comittee Appointed to Join Comttee of Women Friends in the Care of Betty Buffum Report that they have visitted her & think best she be waited

Waited longer on; it is therefore refered Under their care they to report to Next monthly meeting.

The Friends Appointed to Enquire into the Clearness of Amos Baker in respect to Marriage Engagements Report that they find Nothing to hinder his proceedure in Marriage With Rhachel Richardson, And they Appeared in this Meeting & recd their Answer Accordingly & David Farnum & Elisha Thornton Are Appointed to See the Same Consummated & Report to Next Monthly Meeting.

The Comtee Appointed to Join the School Comtee & to Consider what is best to be done in the Business laid before this Meeting by said Comtee Report that they have Met together Upon that Subject & made some progress thereon, but have Not compleated Any thing to lay before this Meeting, Whereupon they Are Continued to Next Monthly Meeting they then to Report.

The further Appointment of Visitors refered from last monthly Meeting being Opened before this Meeting & After A reasonable time Waiting No Friend Nameing Any one At this time, the Matter is Again refered to Next Monthly Meeting.

The Comtee in the Case of John Bennet continued from last monthly Meeting, made Report that they have all had An Opportunity with him but find but little Incouragement of his Makeing Friends Satisfaction, Or that further labour would be Usefull to him; Whereupon this Meeting disowns Unity with & puts him from Under their Care as a Member, And David Farnum & Josiah Smith Are Appointed to Inform him thereof & of his right of

Appeal & Draw A Testimony of his Denial And Bring to Next Monthly Meeting.

The Appointment of A Comtee to attend the Meetings at Scituate And Wyonghkeague refered from last month being Opened before this Meeting Ananias Mowry Wm Bussum William Bassett Jacob Arnold Elisha Arnold James Smith Thomas Lapham Moses Brown & Daniel Aldrich Are Appointed to Attend Said Meetings from time to time, so many At A time As may Appear to them most Usefull & Convenient, to set & feel with the Members of said Meetings, & endeavour that the same be kept Up in the Authority of Truth, & to make report Once in three Months.

The Comtee to Inform Solomon Lapham of his denial & Right of Appeal & to Draw A testimony of his Denial report they have Informed him And presented A testimony which Appearing to Need some Alterations, the same is refered to them Again for that purpose, to report to next monthly Meeting.

David Farnum Reports that testimony of Denial Against Moses Aldrich has been read According to Appointment.

Some of the Comtee in the Case of George Bussum continued to this time report that they have not had Any Opportunity with him since they were At Richmond, they having Expected to see him Down, but he has Not Come Down whereupon that Matter is refered Under their Care to report to Next Monthly Meeting. And the Comtee in the Case

Care of Levi Taft soon going to Richmond, Are desired to pay Attention to the Above Care. —

Smithfield Upper Preparative Meeting inform they have raised & sent up to the Treasurer £7..8..4 towards the Burying ground At Providence

Uxbridge preparative Meeting Inform that they have begun A Subscription. —

Smithfield Lower house Inform they have raised the sum of £4..6..4. And Sent Up to the Treasurer for the monthly Meetings Use, in consequence of the Recommendation for the Use of the Poor. —

The Epistle from the last Quarterly meeting was read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction And the same is directed to be read in Each of the Preparative Meetings, who Are desired to pay due Attention to the Advices therein Contained, & use their Endeavours that the deficiencies therein Complained of be removed And George Arnold is Appointed to Make out A sufficient Number of Copies & forward to the preparative Meetings together with A Copy of this Minute —

This Meeting rec.d An ~~[illegible]~~ Acc.t from the Quarterly Meeting that they have Appointed A Comt.e to Visit this Meeting & to Consider of Dividing the same And as it will be Necessary that A Comt.e be Appointed to treat with said Comt.e in behalf of this Meeting. — Daniel Anthony Rufus Smith Ammarias Mowry Dan.l Aldrich Oziel Wilkinson Moses Brown George Comstock Job Scott David Farnum Joseph Mosher, Elisha Thornton David Wadsworth Are Appointed together with

Such

Such as the Women may Appoint for that purpose, to lay the State & circumstances of this Meeting respecting A Division before said Comtee And Make report to this Meeting When Accomplished.

This Meeting having rec.d A Transcript of Conclusions And Advices of the Yearly Meeting Intended to be Inserted in the Book of Discipline, the reading of which is refer'd to next monthly Meeting Also A Number of printed copies of An Address from the Meeting for Sufferings upon the Subject of Schools Which Were distributed Among the Members of this Meeting.

The Quarterly Meeting having Notified this Meeting that they have Appointed A Comtee to Make Inspection into the Case between those who have been held [illegible] in A State of Slavery Among Friends, & those Who have held them in Order that Justice be done between them As to Outward property, And requiring this Meeting to Appoint A Comtee to join therein. Whereupon Thomas Lapham Joseph Farnum William Buffum Reuben Blanchard Are Appointed for that Service & to Make report When Accomplished

2-1783 At A monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 27th 2m.o 1783.

The Meeting being Convened the Representatives Appointed by the Preparation Meetings Are from
Smithfield Upper house Joseph Comstock & Seth Kelly.
Uxbridge. Antipas Earl & Josiah Shove
D.o lower house — Thomas Lapham & Elisha Bowen Jr.
Who being Called Are all present Except Antipas Earl

Who sent satisfactory reasons for his Absence.—

Uxbridge preparative Meeting Informed that Mirmaduke Earl requested to come Under the Care of Friends & he Appearing in this Meeting & continuing his request George Smith, David Stearn & David Farnum Are Appointed to take A Solid Opportunity with him concerning the Motives of his request And suitableness of becoming A member of our Society & make report to next monthly Meeting.—

The remainder of the Friends Appointed in the Case of Samuel Hill continued from last month report that they have since had An Opportunity with him, & think it Safe he be rec:d A Member of Our Society, which report is Accepted & he rec:d Accordingly.— The Friends Appointed to Attend the Marriage of Amos Baker report that they Attended the same & discovered Nothing but it was Conducted in An Orderly Manner.— The Report of the Comt.ee (in the Case of Betty Buffum) in Writing being Absent with A Friend who is sick, but some of the Comt.ee present Informing that it was the judgment of the said Comt.ee that the Matter be refer'd, & the Women's Meeting having signified their Approbation of refering the same; It is therefore refer'd to the fourth month Under the Care of the same Comt.ee they then to report.—

The Comtee Appointed to join the School Comt.ee Not having fully compleated Any thing to lay before Friends, tho some Attention has been paid thereto, & it Appearing to be A Matter of Considerable Importance the same is refer'd to the fourth month Next

They then to report.~

The Matter of further Appointment of some Friends to the place of Visitors refer'd from last month is again refer'd to next monthly Meeting.~

The Friends Appointed Report that they have Informed John Bennet of his Denial & right of Appeal And they are desired to prepare A Testimony of Denial And bring to next monthly Meeting.~

The Friends Appointed produced a Testimony of Denial agst Solomon Lapham, which was read in this Meeting & after some Alterations approved of & signed by the Clerk.~

This Meeting being Informed by a Comtee Who have lately been at Richmond that they had An Opportunity with George Buffum, who manifested A desire to make Friends Satisfaction, & gave some encouragement of comeing Down & giving Friends Another Opportunity with him, that matter is therefore Continued under the Care of Augustus Lapham Robert Wilkinson & Jonathan Arnold, who Are desired to Treat with him by writeing or Otherwise, & make report in three months or Sooner if ready.~

George Arnold Informs that he has not made out the Transcripts of the Quarterly Meeting's Epistle as directed last month, by reason of its being lodged Among the Women's papers, so that he has not come At it. — He is therefore desired to Transcribe & forward the same as directed & Make report to next monthly Meeting.~

The reading the Extracts refer'd from last month is again refer'd to next monthly Meeting.~

The Comtee Appointed to take An Opportunity wi
Levi Taft made Report in Writing which being read
in this Meeting is Accepted & is As follows.
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Under A sense of the reproach and Suffering which
is thereby caused Upon the Truth, this Meeting is nearly
Affected & disowns Unity with him As A member & Joseph
Congdon William Buffum & Thomas Arnold Are Appointed
to Inform him thereof & of his right of Appeal & draw
A Testimony of his Denial & bring to next Monthly
Meeting.

Two of the Comtee in the Care of Aaron Aldrich
Informed this Meeting that they have not had An Oppor-
tunity with him, that matter is therefore refered, Under
the Care of the same Comtee they to Report to Next Monthly
Meeting.

Uxbridge preparative Meeting In-
formed that Samuel Comstock requested the Care
of Friends for his sons Whose Names Are David Silas &
Nathan, Whereupon Joseph Mosher Jazaniah Barrot
Jacob Arnold John Holdin & Robert Wilkinson Are

Appointed to take An Opportunity with him & his Family & Endeavour to feel After their State, & the suitableness of their becoming Members of our Society & make report to next monthly Meeting.

This Meeting being Informed that Israel Smith son of Daniel hath Transgressed the rules of our Society in many respects, in particular he hath refused the Advice of his Father & Friends, hath been Accused of gameing At Cards which he did Not Deny, of keeping Company with one Not of Our Society by way of Courtship And of late hath met Several Times And Associated with those Called the Mob. for which he hath been laboured with without the Desired Effect. Whereupon this meeting Appoints Caleb Greene Elisha Thornton Rufus Smith & George Smith to Make him A Visit And labour for his recovery from the Many Transgressions he has fallen into & report to next monthly Meeting.

This Meeting is Informed that Nathan Smith son of Peter hath Associated with Vain & unprofittable Company, hath Attended places of Merriment & there behaved in a foolish Manner, & is now keeping Company with One not of Our Society, Whereupon Augustus Lapham Jonathan Mowry Nehemiah Sprague, Zacheus Southwick Are Appointed to take An Opportunity with him & labour for his recovery from his Transgressions & restoration, & Make report to next monthly Meeting.

The lower Preparative Meeting Inform they have raised & Sent Up for the Treasurer £2. 7. 2½ in addition to their Subscription last month for the poor

The Upperhouse preparative Meeting inform they have Collected & del^d: the Treasurer the Sum of £6.9.8 for the same Use. The Comm^tee who were desired to have in Charge the Matter of William Phillips his proposal for A Certificate of Removal, but which was Omitted being Minuted, Inform they have had An Opportunity with him Upon that Subject, & did not Discover Any Objection of Weight ag^nst his having A Certificate directed to Saratoga Monthly Meeting. And Accordingly produced one On his behalf Which Was read Approved of & signed by the Clerk &c

This Meeting Rec^d: A few lines ~~by th~~ from two Friends in behalf of Sandwich Monthly Meeting desiring this Meeting to Deal with Barnabas Swift (A member of their Meeting Who has left the same in A Disorderly Manner) As Truth And Our disci-pline require, whereupon William Buffum George Smith & Seth Kelly Are Appointed to Extend the Necessary Enquiry & labour in that Case & Report to next Monthly Meeting.

This Meeting Rec^d: A Certificate from Pembroke Monthly Meeting in behalf of Isaac Walker Which was Accepted by this Meeting.

3-1783

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held At Smithfield the 27^th: 3 m^o: 1783

The Meeting being Convened the Representatives Appointed for the Preparative Meetings Are from Smithf^d: Upper house Rufus Smith & David Mowry

from Uxbridge Israel Sabin & Nathaniel Aldrich
Smithfd lower house Amasa Gray & Thomas Lapham —

Who being Called Are all present Except Thos. Lapham

The Friends Appointed to take An Opportunity with Marmaduke Earle Report that they have paid him a Visit, which was to a good degree of Satisfaction & that they think it may be safe to Accept him A Member of Our Society And he is Accepted Accordingly. —

This Meeting Recd. A Certificate of Removal from Nantucket Monthly Meeting in behalf of John Alsop Which is Accepted. —

The Matter of further Appointment of Visitors came Under Consideration of this Meeting And After Several Friends Express'd their Minds, it is concluded the Same be continued Untill Next monthly Meeting. —

The lower house preparative Meeting Informing that Isaac Walker proposed to lay his Intentions of Marriage with Abigail Harris daughter of Jeremiah before this Meetg And they Appeared in this Meeting & Declared their intentions Accordingly And Were directed to Come to Next monthly Meetg for An Answer And Augustus Lapham & Smith Brown Are Appointed to Enquire into his Clearness in that Respect & Make report to next Monthly Meeting. —

George Arnold Reports that he has made out the Transcripts of the quarterly Meetings Epistle as Directed. —

This Meeting Adjourns to the 9th hour tomorrow —

28th day met by Adjournment. —

The Representatives being Called the same were present As yesterday; this Meeting being Informed that Thomas Lapham is Absent by reason of Sickness. —

The Queries with Answers thereto from the Preparative Meetings were read in this Meeting And general Answers therefrom Composed read And Approved of, & sent up by Our Representa-tives Who Are Joseph Congdon William Buffum Joseph Bassett & Augustus Lapham. —

The Friends Appointed to Inform Levi Taft of his denial & Right of Appeal, & to draw A Testimony of his Denial & Bring to this Meeting, Report that they have Wrote A Letter Informing him As Desired, & produced an Essay of A Testimony which Was read in this Meeting & with Some Alterations approved of & Signed by the Clerk. And Job Scott And George Comstock And Antipas Earl Are Appointed to Read the Same At the Close of A Meeting At Richmond And At Keen during the Sitting of A Court there if leave can be Obtained, And Make Report When Accomplished.

The Friends Appointed to Draw A Testimony of denial Against John Bennet produced An Essay Which Was read in this Meeting & With some Alterations Approved of & Signed by the Clerk. —

The Comt^{ee} in the Case of Aaron Aldrich Except One Report that they have had An Opportunity with him Which Afforded but little Satisfaction he Appearing in A Dull & discouraging State of Mind, Yet As one of the Comt^{ee} was Absent this Meeting Concludes to refer the Same to next Monthly Meeting Under the Care of the Same Comt^{ee} they then to Report. —

The Comt^{ee} in the Case of Samuel Comstock's request for his Children Report that they have had An Oppor-tunity with him in his Family to good Satisfaction

And thinks best his request be granted, And his Children whose Names Are David Silas & Nathan Are Accepted Accordingly.—

The Comtee Appointed in the Case of Israel Aldrich son of Daniel Report that they have had An Opportunity with him, but as they were not all present thinks it would be Well for the Same to be Continued to Next Monthly Meeting, which is Continued Accordingly under the Care of the Same Comtee they then to Report.—

The Comtee in the Case of Nathan Aldrich son of Peter Report that they have had An Opportunity with him And that he does not Appear in A State of Mind Suitable to Make Friends Satisfaction, Nevertheless this Meeting thinks best to Continue the Same under the Care of said Comtee they to Report to Next Monthly Meeting.—

The Comtee in the Case of Barnabas Swift Report that two of them have have had An Opportunity with him & made Some Enquiry, & the same is Continued under the Care of said Comtee they to report to next monthly Meeting.—

The Comtee to Assist the Women in the Case of Ruth Mead Report that they have lately had An Opportunity with her to Some Degree of Satisfaction & think Well that the Same be Continued to Next Monthly Meeting, which is Continued Accordingly Under their Care they then to Report.—

The Comtee Appointed to make Enquiry & Assist Friends in Respect to Wills Made Report that Some progress has been Made therein, Altho in Some Meetings Many Friends Remain Destitute.—

Whereupon they Are Continued for the prosecution of that Service & to report in the fifth month Next.—

The Matter of Reappointment of Overseers & overseers of the Poor Brought Up from Uxbridge preparative Meeting is refered to next Monthly Meeting.—

The lower house preparative Meeting Informing that John White Son of Noah has Verry much Neglected the Attendance of Our Religious Meetings, & gone into Many things Contrary to Our Religious profession, particularly in Attending Lotteries with loose And Vain Company & playing At Cards for which he has been laboured with, without the desired Effect Whereupon Ananias Mowry Joseph Comstock Jacob Arnold & Aza Arnold Are Appointed to take An Opportunity with him respecting said transgressions And Labour for his Recovery & make Report to Our Next Monthly Meeting.—

William Buffum is Appointed to Read the Testimony of Denial of Solomon Lapham At the Close of A publick Meeting At Uxbridge & report to next Monthly Meeting.—

The Comtee. in the Case of John Sprague's Children Report that they have wrote in Order to get the Necessary Information in Respect to their Standing in Society, but have not yet Obtained it They Are therefore Continued to Accomplish that Service & make Report When Accomplished.—

The reading the Extracts Sent down from the Quarterly Meeting is refered to Next Monthly Meeting.—

This Meeting Recommends to the Several Preparative Meetings to Subscribe in freedom towards Discharging the ~~yearly~~ Monthly Meeting's Debts, & propose the Sum of Sixty pounds to be raised.—

This Meeting being Sensible of the Difficulty of getting Suitable places to put Friends Children to apprenticeships, & Suitable Employment for those who thro the Difficulties of the Times have been brought up without Suitable Trades, thereupon David Steere Rufus Smith Job Scott Moses Brown George Comstock, William Bassett, Thomas Arnold Daniel Anthony David Farnum & Oziel Wilkinson & Daniel Aldrich Are Appointed to Consider of such Circumstances And Also to advise with Such Parents or heads of Families as Desire to Converse with them in Respect to their own Business & Employment And to give such advice as Truth may direct, & make report as Occasion May require.—

Thomas Arnold Clerk

-1783 At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at ~~Providence~~ Smithfield the 24th of the 4th mo: 1783.—

The Meeting being Convened the Representatives Appointed from the Preparative Meetings Are. from
Smithfield Upperhouse Daniel Allen & Elisha Kelly
Uxbridge Amos Baker & David Wadsworth
do - Lower House Elisha Steere & Jeremiah Harris
Who being Called Are All present Except Amos Baker Who is Absent by reason of Sickness.—

This Meeting Recd: the Epistle from the last Quarterly Meeting which Was read in this Meeting to a Degree of Satisfaction.—

The Matter of further Appointment of Visitors came Under Consideration again And as the Subject of Dividing the Monthly Meeting is Under the Consideration of the Quarterly Meeting this Meeting thinks best the further Appointment of Visitors be refer'd to the 7th mo. Next And it is refer'd Accordingly.

This Meeting Recd: A Copy of A Testimony of Denial from Acoaxet Monthly Meeting against Isaac Kelly Junior Whereupon Job Scott is Appointed to read the same at the Close of a publick Meetg At uxbridge & at Northbridge & report to next Monthly Meeting — This Meeting Recd: A Certificate of Removal from the Nine Partners Monthly Meeting in behalf of Stephen Clarke son of Seth Clarke deceased which is Accepted —

The Friends Appointed to Enquire into Isaac Walker's Clearness in Respect to Marriage Engagements, report they have Made What Enquiry Appeared Necessary And find Nothing to hinder his proceedure in Marriage with Abigail Harris As proposed at last Monthly Meeting And they Appeared in this Meeting & recd: their Answer in Order for Marriage & Thomas Lapham & Samuel Smith Are Appointed to see the Same Consumated & their Certificate Recorded & report to next monthly Meeting.

The Comtee in the Case of Aaron Aldrich inform that thro the Multiplicity of Engagements Since

Last month And the Quarterly Meeting they have not been Able to Attend to that Matter; It is therefore refered to next Monthly Meeting Under their Care they then to Report. — The Comt.ee Exeptone in the Case of Israel Aldrich son of Daniel Inform they have had An Opportunity with him & think best it be Refered to next Monthly Meeting. which is refered Accordingly they then to Report. —

The Comt.ee in the Case of Nathan Aldrich son of Peter Report that they have had Another opportunity with him but do not find him in a suitable State of mind to make Friends Satisfaction Whereupon this Meeting disowns Unity with him & puts him from Under their Care as A Member, & William Bassett & Jaazaniah Barret Are Appointed to Inform him of Denial & Right of Appeal & to Draw A Testimony of his Denial & Bring to Next Monthly Meeting. —

One of the Comt.ee in the Case of Barnabas Swift Inform that they have Not had Any further Opportunity with him, One of the Comt.ee Who was Absent before having been ~~Absent~~ Since Unwell & Still is Whereupon the Other two Are desired to have Another Other Opportunity with him & report What they think best to be done in that Case

The Comt.ee Appointed to Assist the Women in the Case of Ruth Reed Inform that they have Attended to that Matter but Not being fully ripe to make Report that Matter is Again Continued untill

Next Monthly Meeting Under their Care they then to Report.—

Three of the Comtee of Men & Women Friends in the Care of Betty Buffum Report that they have had Several Opportunities with her to but little Satisfaction, she having Manifested No Desire for Friends to Wait longer On her, yet As some of the Comtee At the last Opportunity were Not present, And Some Friends desiring An Opportunity with her this meeting refers the same One Month Under the Care of the Same Comtee with Such Others As desire to See her they to report to Next Monthly Meeting. The Matter of Reappointment of Overseers & overseers of the Poor is refered to the 7th mo. Next & the present Overseers Are Desired to Continue their Care in the Mean time.—

The Comtee in the Care of John White Son of Noah Report they have Visited him & that he Appeard Verry Insensible of his Transgressions And gave No Encouragement of Amendment & that they see but little Use of further Labour with him, Whereupon this Meeting disowns Unity with him & puts him from Under their Care as A Member — And Ezra Arnold & Joseph Farnum Are Appointed to Inform him of his Denial & Right of Appeal & draw a Testimony of his Denial & Bring to Next Monthly Meeting. William Buffum Who was Appointed to read the Testimony of Solomon Lapham's Denial

being Absent by reason of Sickness that Matter is
-referd to Next Monthly Meeting & he Desired then to
Report —

Smithfield Upper house preparative Meeting
Inform they have begun A Subscription — Uxbridge
Inform they have Subscribed Six~~teen~~ pounds 11/9d
And £4.3. in Money & £2..6..6. Value in grain Some
time back since the 12 mo. Smithfield Lower house
Inform they have Subscribed & Collected & Sent Up £5..6
the Women Also sent in 12/10d.

Augustus Lapham, Jonathan Arnold & Smith
Brown Are Appointed in Addition to the Comtee to
Receive Accounts of Friends Sufferings & lay before the
Next Monthly Meeting.

The Extracts Sent down from the Quarterly
Meeting is refered to be read At Next Monthly Meeting

The Upper house preparative Meeting Brought
forward A Complaint Against Peter Gaskill that
he has Neglected the Attendance of Meetings of Discipline
& Worship & upon being Treated with gives no Encouragement of Amendment, Whereupon Samuel ~~Smith~~
Arnold Benedict Remington Richard Mowry &
Benedict Arnold Are Appointed to take An Opportunity with him concerning his Neglect &
Make Report to next monthly meeting.

Uxbridge prepative Meeting Inform that
Mary Taft Wife of Levi has removed with her
husband within the Verge of Saratoga Monthly
Meeting. And Desires A Certificate for herself &
Children

Children. – Whereupon Job Scott & Daniel Aldrich Are Appointed to Join A Comtee. of Women And Make the Necessary Enquiry into her Stand-ing & prepare A Certificate if they think best & Bring to Next Monthly Meeting

Uxbridge Preparatv. Meeting brought forward A Complaint Against Stephen Aldrich for Inter-rupting our Religious Meetings by Often talking in A Turbulent And Reflecting Manner, Whereupon Elisha Aken David Mowry, Thomas Lapham Adam Harkness Rufus Smith & Jacob Arnold Are Ap-pointed to take An Opportunity ~~with~~ & Endeavour to prevail With him to Submit to Friends advice therein & make Report to Next monthly Meeting

This Meeting being Informed by Way of Uxbridge preparative Meeting that Some Scandellous Reports have been Respecting George Crane, as that he has been Guilty of Several Untruths, & of theft part of which he Says his Accusers have Cause to believe yet Upon being Treated with Several Times he denies the facts & refuses to give Friends Satisfaction, telling them that it is none of their Business, Whereupon Jo-nathan Arnold David Buffum, Elisha Thornton Benja. Battey & Job Scott Are Appointed to treat with him in that respect & report to Next Monthly Meetg

The lower house preparative Meeting Inform-ing that Mathew Jenkins has Much Neglected the Attendance of Our Religious Meetings, & the Use of the Plain Language & Dress, & in Associating with Unprofitable Company, Whereupon George Smith Ananias Mowry & John Holden Are Appointed to take An Opportunity with him & Labour with him for his Recovery from his said Misconduct & Report to Next monthly Meeting.

Uxbridge Preparative Meeting Informing that Elisha Arnold requested the Care of Friends for his Children Whose Names Are Ruth, Olive & Waity, whereupon Jabez Wing, Josiah Shove Benjamin Pearce & Joseph Mosher Are Appointed to Join the Women in A Visit to him & his Family & Report to Next Monthly Meeting.

Daniel Anthony Informed this Meeting that he has Some thoughts of going Westward On some Business in Which Case he is Desirous of Attending the Yearly Meeting on Long Island of Which this Meeting Approves, & the Clerk is Directed to give him A Copy of this Minute if requested.

Moses Brown Informed this Meeting that he has some thoughts of Making A Visit to Friends As far Westward as long Island And to Attend the Yearly Meeting at Flushing, of Which this Meeting Approves & the Clerk is Directed to give him A Copy of this Minute if Requested.

5mo 1783

At a monthly Meeting of Friends held At Smithfield the 29th 5m: 1783.

The meeting being convened the Representatives Appointed from the Preparative Meetings Are — from Smithfield Upper house Job Bussum & Ezekiel Fowler. Uxbridge. Samuel Fowler & Benjamin Batty Smithfd lower house. Joseph Randall & Nathl: Walker. — Who being Called Are all present..

Our Friend Isaac Kelley in his return from Accompanying Robert Nesbit on A religious visit to New England Attended this Meeting & produced A Certificate from Hoosock Monthly Meeting Which was read to Satisfaction & A few lines Indorsed Upon the same Signifying Our Satisfaction in his Company And Service Among Us.

This Meeting Recd: A Certificate from South Kingston Monthly Meeting in behalf of John Bragg & Daniel Bragg sons of Nicholas Bragg Signifying they Were Members of that monthly Meeting And Are Now removed within the Verge of this Monthly Meeting And recommending them to our Care which Certificate ~~Are~~ is Accepted. —

The Comtee All except One of men & Women Friends in the Case of Ruth Reed Made Report the consideration whereof is refered to next monthly Meeting.

The Meeting is Informed that the Testimony of Denial of Isaac Kelly Junr: of Hoosock was read According to Appointment.

The Friends Appointed Report that they attended the Marriage of Isaac Walker & that it Appeared to be Conducted in A good degree Orderly, & that they deld: his Certificate for recording

The Womens meeting Inform they have Concluded to disown Betty Buffum, provided this Meeting Concurs therewith & the Comtee Conforming their last Report, this Meeting concurs with the Women therein.—

The Comtee in the Case of Mary Taft's request for a a Certificate of Removal, not having Accomplished their Appointment, the Same is refer'd to Next Monthly Meeting Under their Care they then to Report.—

The Comtee in the Case of Aaron Aldrich report they have had An other Opportunity with him, but do not meet with Any Encouragement, it Appearing to be a dull Case— And the Meeting having long waited on him without Any Encouragement of Amendment, It is therefore the Sense of this Meeting that he be no longer Considerd as A Member Of our Society And he is disowned Accordingly, And Job Scott & George Comstock Are Appointed to Inform him of his Denial & Right of Appeal, & to Draw A Testimony of his Denial & bring to Next Monthly Meeting.—

The Comtee Upon Elisha Arnold's Request Report they have had An Opportunity in his Family to Satisfaction, & think it Well that his request be granted, & it is granted Accordingly & his Children Accepted, whose Names Are Ruth, Oliver & Waity.—

Two of the Comtee in the Case of Israel Aldrich son of Daniel, Report they have had An Opportunity with him, but As All Were Not present Said Comtee is desired to Attend to that Matter & Report to Next Monthly Meeting.—

The Friends Appointed Report they

They have Informed Nathan Aldrich son of Peter of his Denial & Right of Appeal, And produced A Testimony of his Denial Which being Read After Some Alterations Was Approved of & Signed by the Clerk. –

The Comtee in the Case of Barnabas Swift not having fully Accomplished their Appointment, that Matter is continued to Next Monthly Meeting (Under their Care to Whom Jacob Arnold is Added) they then to Report. –

The Friends Appointed report that they have Informed John White son of Noah, of his Denial And Right of Appeal, & produced A Testimony which Was Approved of with some Alterations & Signed by the Clerk. –

The Friends Appointed Report that the Testimony of Solomon Laphams denial was read According to Appointment. –

The Comtee in the Case of Peter Gaskill Report that they have had An Opportunity with him & find but little Encouragement yet think well the Matter be Refered to Next Monthly Meeting which is Refered Accordingly, under their Care they then to Report. –

The Reading the Extracts is refered to next month. –

The Comtee Except One in the Case of Stephen Aldrich Report they have had An Opportunity with him & think well it be Refered to next monthly Meeting, which is refered Under their Care they then to Report. –

The Comtee in the Case of George Crane Inform they have had An Opportunity with him Concerning the ~~Conf~~ complaints Against him, for Which they think there was Just Cause, altho he Mostly Appeared to Deny the Charges. – That he Appeared in An Insensible State of mind as to

The Nature of his Transgressions And Afforded little or no
Encouragement of Satisfaction, Whereupon this Meeting
disowns Unity with him As A Member, & David Farnum
William Basset, Job Scott & George Comstock Are Appointed
to Inform him of his Denial & Right of Appeal, & to Draw
A Testimony of his Denial & bring to Next Monthly Meeting.–

The Comtee. in the Case of Mathew Jenkins Inform they
have had An Opportunity with him to but little Satisfaction
& find No Encouragement for further Labour with him
Whereupon this Meeting disowns Unity with him As A Member
& Caleb Greene & Jonathan Arnold Jur. Are Appointed to Inform
him of his Denial & right of Appeal & Draw A Testimony & Bring
to Next Monthly Meeting.–

This Meeting Adjourns to the Eighth hour tomorrow

30th day met by Adjournment. —

The Representatives being Called were all present.

The lower house preparative Meeting Inform they have
Subscribed £2..6..8 in Addition to their former Subscrip-tion. & have Collected & Sent Up £5..16..8½.

Smithfd. Upper house prepatv. Meeting Inform they
have Raised & forwarded £9..9. to the Treasury.—

The Friends Appointed to Collect Accounts of
Friends Sufferings presented An Acct. of Such as
Friends deld. in Which Was read & with Some Alterations
~~Approved of &~~ Signed by the Clerk in behalf of this Meeting
And the Clerk is directed to make out a fair Copy And
forward to the Meeting for Sufferings. —

The Comtee. Who Some Months past were Ap-pointed to have Charge of the Case of Phillip Stratton
laid before this Meeting a letter directed to the Monthly

Monthly Meeting of Ninepartners giving A circumstantial Account of his Case, which was read Approved & signed by the Clerk, And Daniel Anthony is desired to forward the Same by the first Opportunity & leave a Copy thereof with the Clerk.—

This Meeting being Informed by means of A Comtee Appointed for that purpose that Michael Spreague son of John has by Birth A right of Membership Among Friends, Whereupon Israel Sabin Jazaniah Barret & Joseph Mosher Are Appointed to Seek After him And to Inquire into his Conduct And disposition towards Friends, And to Endeavour to Stir him up to his duty as A Member, And Make report to Next Monthly Meeting. Some of the Comtee in the Case of Wills, reported Seperately Whereby it Appears that some progress is made in that Work, they Are therefore desired to Continue their Attention And Make a general report in writing Next Month.—

This Meeting being Sensible of the disadvantage which has Often Arose for Want of A proper register being kept of All Letters & Certificates, & other papers Sent from this Meeting, Whereupon Joseph Congdon David Bussum Moses Brown, Thomas Arnold & Jazaniah Barrett Are Appointed to Consider of that Matter, & Report what Appears to them the best method to preserve Such Records, & to prepare A book for that purpose if they think best, & report to next Monthly Meeting.—

The Comtee in the Case of George Bussum Report that Several Letters have been written to him On the Subject & that no other Opportunity has been had with him by them

He Not having come down so soon as was Expected; but As he is now Expected Down, so as to give An Opportunity said Comtee Are desired to have One with him & report to Next monthly Meeting. —

The Comtee Appointed to Consider of the Matter Respecting the Use of the plain Language with propriety Made report Accompanied with An Essay of An Epistle to Friends upon that Subject, which being read Meets the general Approbation of this Meeting, And upon Consideration of the Nature of the Case, Moses Brown, Joseph Congdon & Thomas Arnold Are Appointed to Make out a plain Copy & to lay the same before the Meeting for Sufferings for them to Examine the same Make Such Corrections And Alterations As they May think Necessary: And to Dispose thereof as they May think most Usefull. —

The Friends who have had Charge of receiving Subscriptions for the Yearly Meeting's School Are desired to Move that Matter within the Several preparative Meetings of Men & Women & report to next monthly Meeting the Amount of the Whole of the Subscriptions. —

At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 26th of the 6mo 1788. The Meeting being Convened the representatives Appointed from the Preparative Meetings Are .. from

Smithfd Upper house. Rufus Smith & Seth Kelly. —
Uxbridge Amos Baker & Joshua Aldrich
do. lower house Caleb Greene & Thomas Lapham

Who being Called Were all present —
The Clerk of this Meeting being Absent on A Journey
Thomas Lapham is Appointed Clerk for the day. —

The Report respecting Ruth Reed (refered from last month) being read up, As also her Acknowledgement both which this Meeting Accepts & passes by her Misconduct, & continues her Under the Care of Friends, the Report is As follows. The Comtee in the Care of Mary Taft's request for ~~herself~~ Certificates for herself & Children Not being present that Matter is refered to next monthly Meeting. — The Comtee to Inform Arone Aldrich Not being present, that Matter is refered to Next Monthly Meeting. The Comtee in the Care of ~~[illegible]~~ Aldrich report that they have had An Opportunity with him & that he did Not Appear in A Disposition to give Friends Satisfaction, nor desire the Comtee to give him Another Opportunity with them. Thereupon this Meeting thinks best to disown Unity with him, & he is hereby put from Under the Care of Friends As A Member, Untill he Shall Make Satisfaction in the Matters Complained of. ~~&~~ Samuel Comstock & William Basset Are Appointed to Inform him of his Denial & Right of Appeal & draw a Testimony of Denial & report to Next Monthly Meeting.

Three of the Comtee in the Care of Barnabas Swift Report that they have had An Opportunity with him ~~& find but little Encouragement~~ And that he denies part of the Charge laid Against him by Sandwich Monthly Meeting. ~~thereupon said Comtee~~

Are desired to prepare a Draught to that Meeting & Report to our Next Monthly Meeting. —

Three of the Comtee to labour with Peter Gaskill Report that they have had Another Opportunity with him & find but little Encouragement of Amendment, yet this Meeting Desires the Comtee to take Another opportunity with him, & report to Next Monthly Meeting. —

The reading the Extracts refered to this Meeting (they Not Appearing to be present) Are refered to Next monthly Meeting. — The Comtee all but one to treat with Stephen Aldrich, Report that they have had An Other Conference with him & that he Appears to Comply with Friends Advice Respecting his Publick Appearance, Nevertheless ~~this~~ this Meeting Continues the Comtee to have the Necessary Care of that Matter tile Next Monthly Meeting they then to Report. — The Friends in the Case of George Cram Not having fulfill'd their Appointment Are Continued to report to Next Monthly Meeting. —

The Comtee in the Case of Matthew Jenkins Report that they have Informed him According to Appointment. — And they produced a Draught of a Testimony of his Denial Which being read & some Alterations Made is Approved of & Signed by the Clerk. ~~[illegible]~~ —

The Comtee in the Case of Michael Springer Report that they have had An Opportunity with him & find his Disposition is not to Attend our Religious Meetings Nor Conform to the Orders of Friends in his Conduct in general And No Friend Mentioning a Desire for farther Labour this Meeting thinks best to Deny Unity with him &

Are

He is hereby put from Under the Care of Friends as A member And Joseph Mosher is desired to Inform him of his Denial & Report to Next Monthly Meeting. —

The Comtee Respecting Wills not being fully ready to Report they Are Desired to Report to this Meeting in the 8th mo. Next. —

The Comtee to Consider of A Method to keep A Record of Letters &c. sent from this Meeting Not being Ready to Report, they Are Desired to Report to Next Monthly M Meeting. — Two of the Comtee to labour with George Bussum Report that they have had An Opportunity with him & find him in A cool Indifferent State of mind, gave but little if Any Encouragement of Makeing Friends Satisfaction & Manifested No Desire to be waited longer on, & they think it Would be little Or No advantage to Continue him A Member The Consideration thereof is refered to the Monthly Meeting in the 9th mo. & the Comtee is Desired to Correspond with him Or Other Friends At Richmond As Way may Open & then to Report. —

The Comtee Who have had Charge of Receiveing Subscriptions for the Yearly Meeting's School Not Reporting At this time, they Are desired to Report to Next Monthly Meeting. —

Our Friends Asa Arnold Benjamin Smith And Augustus Lapham Are Appointed to Make provision for horse keeping for the Ensuing Quarterly Meeting to be held At the lower Meeting house in Smithfield, & to Make Such Alterations And Additions to Accommodate the Women's Apartment in that house As they

May think Necessary for holding the Quarterly Meeting.

The queries And Answers from the Preparative Meetings, with General Answers Collected therefrom, were Read, & the general Answers were Inserted in An Account to the Quarterly Meeting. — Which Was read Approved of & Signed by the Clerk: And the Representatives Appointed & Named therein Are David Farnum, Joseph Comstock, Daniel Anthony & Benedict Arnold. — Who are Desired to Make Report to Next Monthly Meeting of their Attention to the Appointment.

7mo 1783 At A monthly Meeting of Friends held At Smithfield the 31st of the 7th mo: 1783 —

The Meeting being Convened the representatives from the Preparative Meetings Are — From Smithfield Upper house Seth Kelly & Benedict Remington. Uxbridge Jaazaniah Barre & James Smith, Smithfield Lower house. Moses Brown & Joseph Basset. Who being Called Are All present. A Comtee from the quarterly Meeting Attended this Meeting, & produced A Copy of a Minute of the Quarterly Meeting As follows — "The Comtee Appointed to Assist Smithfield And Uxbridge Monthly Meetings in Dividing All Matters Necessary to be divided between Said Meetings as Also to Consider of the further Division of Smithfd Monthly Meeting, Make Report that they

That they have Attended to that Service, And
A Satisfactory division of All Matters Necessary to
be divided between them was Agreed On; And that
they Thought best Uxbridge Monthly Meeting be
held At Uxbridge On the Sixth day after the last
fifth day in Each month Untill next quarter
And that Smithfield lower Preparative Meeting
be Now divided off & constitute A distinct Monthly
Meeting of both Men & Women Friends by the Name of
Providence Monthly Meeting. —And also that the
Select Members in said Monthly Meetings meet toge-
-ther As Usual Untill further Directions from the
Quarterly Meeting — But by Information of
some Friends of them Monthly Meetings, there Appears
to be some Appearance of dissatisfaction since the
Report was Agreed On; Whereupon the division of
such Matters As Are Necessary to be divided between
said two Meetings is referd under the Care of the same
Comtee And they to make Return of their proceedings
to ~~[illegible]~~ Our Next Meeting. And the further division
of Smithfield Monthly Meeting is Agreed to by this Meetg.
And said lower preparative Meeting is Accordingly consti-
tuted A Distinct Monthly Meeting of both Men &
Women Friends by the Name of Providence Monthly
Meeting. —And said Comtee is requested to Attend the
Monthly Meetings of Smithfield & Providence And to
Assist them in dividing such Matters As Are Necessary
to be divided between them, & consider of time & place

For holding Providence Monthly Meeting, & make report to Our Next Meeting, untill which Time said Providence Monthly Meeting is directed to be held the first time, on the first fourth day in the 11th mo. & afterwards on the fourth day before the last fifth day in each month at smithfield lower Meeting house: And this Meeting directs that the select Members in said Monthly Meetings Meet together As proposed by said Comt. in their Report. Agreeable Whereunto this Meetg. proceeds to Transact the Business proper to the two lower preparative Meetings. which now Constitute Smithfield Monthly Meeting, Referring the other to Uxbridge Monthly Meetg. to meet tomorrow.

This Meeting Recd. A few lines from the last quarterly Meeting, together With A Transcript of the Rhode Island, London, Philadelphia & Westbury yearly Meetings Epistles, Which Were All read in this Meeting to Satisfaction, Also the Extracts of the Minutes of the yearly Meetings in the years 1690 & 1707 mentioned in said Epistles of Rhode Island yearly & quarterly Meetgs. Also the Extracts of the Minutes of the yearly Meeting held At Newport in the 6th mo. 1783.

This Meeting Recd. A few lines by Way of Certificate from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in behalf of John Lawton son of Isaac —

Signifying his being A member of said Monthly Meeting & that he has Come to Reside within the Verge of this Meeting. Also Recd. A Certificate from Swansey

Monthly Meeting in behalf of Joseph Shove who resides within the Verge of this Meeting —

George Arnold Elisha Thornton & W^m Buffum Are Appointed to Inspect Such of the Extracts sent down to this Meeting as Were Intended As Rules in the Book of Discipline & Report to Next Monthly Meet^g

The Friends Appointed to Make An Essay of a Letter to Sandwich Monthly Meeting in respect to Barnabas Swift produced One Which was read in this Meeting Approved & Signed by the Clerk. Who is directed to preserve A Copy & forward the Original —

The Com^tee in the Case of Peter Gaskill Inform this Meeting that they have Not had An Opportunity with him Since last month altho Endeavours Were Used therefor Whereupon that Matter is refered to Next monthly Meeting. — And As Benedict Arnold & Richard Mowry two of said Com^tee Now belong to Uxbridge Mo^ly Meeting they Are Dismissed Therefrom & Jonathan Mowry & Benjamin Pearce Are Added in their Stead to Said Com^tee Who Are desired to Make Report to Next Monthly Meeting — *

* the Reading the Extracts refered from last monthly Meeting is again refered to Next Monthly Meeting —

The Com^tee Appointed to Consider of A Method to keep A Record of Letters Sent from this Meeting. — Not being ready to Report that Matter is refered to Next Monthly Meeting. Under the Care of Such of said Com^tee As belong to this Meeting they then to Report —

The Com^tee Who had Charge of Receiving Subscriptions for the Yearly Meeting's School

Not having all the Subscriptions present, they are desired to produce the Same to Next monthly Meetg. And Make Report of the Whole sum Subscribed.

The Representatives Appointed to Attend the Quarterly meeting Except Joseph Comstock (Who was Absent by reason of Sickness in his Family) Inform they Attended their Appointment.

Smithfd. Upperhouse preparatv. Meeting inform that Chad Smith requested a Certificate to Swanzey Mothy Meeting in Order for Marriage he having produced consent of Parents, Whereupon Geo. Comstock & William Buffum Are appointed to Make the Necessary Enquiry & Report to Next Monthly Meetg & produce a Certificate if they find Nothing to hinder. —

The Reappointment of Overseers & Overseers of the poor is refered to Next Monthly Meeting Also the further Appointmt. of Visitors — The Yearly Meeting having Recommended the Sum of £150. to be raised to Supply the Yearly Meeting's Treasury of which Rhode Island Quarter Agreed to raise £75: 10, & recommended A Subscription for that purpose, It is therefore Recommended to the two preparative Meetings in this Monthly Meetg. to Subscribe thereto in freedom & Send up to Next monthly Meetg.

This Meeting Appoints Elisha Thornton, Danl. Anthony Rufus Smith Caleb Greene George Arnold & Ozial Wilkinson together with Such ~~others~~ As May be Appointed by the Women to Meet with the Quarterly Meeting's Comtee. & to Confer with the Comtee. that may be Appointed by Uxbridge Monthly Meetg. to Consider of Dividing such Meetings As may be Necessary to be divided between this &

This And that Monthly Meeting, And to Confer with the said Quarterly Meeting's Commtee concerning the further Division of & the Manner of holding this Monthly Meeting. & to make report of their proceedings to Next Monthly Meeting –

Smithfield Upper house prepative Meeting Inform they raised & forwarded to the Treasurer £1..13.8

8 mo
1783

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 28th: 8th mo: 1783.

The Meeting being Convened the Representatives Appointed by the Preparative Meetings Are, by the
Upper House Jacob Arnold & George Comstock
Lower House Joseph Randall & Nathaniel Walker —
Who being called Are All present.

The Lower preparative Meeting Inform that John Batty had Manifested A Concern to Come Under the Care of Friends, & he Appearing in this Meeting & continuing his request, Thomas Lapham Moses Brown Joseph Comstock & Jonathan Mowry Are Appointed to take A Solid Opportunity with him concerning the Motives of his request & his Suitableness of being Recd: A Member of Our Society & Report to next Monthly Meeting

The Women's Meeting Inform that they have concluded to Accept Rebecca Nash A Member of Our Society, if this Meeting has No Objection, which being Satisfactory to this Meeting they Were Accordingly Informd

The Friends Appointed to Insert Such of the Extracts of the last Yearly Meeting's Minutes

As Were Intended As Rules, Inform they have paid Some Attention to that Matter, but it not being Accomplished is referd under their Care they to report to next monthly Meeting. —

The Comtee in the Case of Peter Gaskill Inform they have had Another Opportunity with him Not to Satisfaction but Recommend that the Case be Referd One Month, And it is referd Accordingly under their Care they then to report. —

The Extracts from the Yearly Meetings Minutes the reading Whereof has been several Times referd, were read in this Meeting they having been previously Inserted in the Book of Discipline As directed by the quarterly Meeting. — The Comtee Appointed to Conſider of What Letters & other papers Are Neceſsary to be preſerved On Record And of A Method of preſerving the Same Report as follows" We of the Comtee to Conſider of What papers to Enter & how or In What Manner to be Recorded Report, that It is Our Judgmt. that All papers signed in, Or by direction of the Monthly Meeting & published Or Sent to Any Other Meeting or their Comtee be recorded, & all Certificates Recd. from Other Monthly Meetings, & papers of Acknowledgement from perſons Who have been in Tranſgreſsions & reſtored be alſo recorded. That A proper Book of About 4 or 5 quire be procured as A register for that purpoſe: And that two or more Friends be Annually

Appointed to Assist the Clerk in Recording the Above & such other Matters Comeing from Superior Meetings as Are Necessary to be Recorded in the Respective Books, & under their proper heads. And We think it best on this Occasion to revive the Antient practice of Recording Births & deaths, which if the Meeting Approve of, that Friends Are put in some Regular Way of giving in to the Clerk An Acct. of All Births & deaths in future Which We Submit to the Meeting.

8th mo. 1783. ——— Joseph Congdon
Moses Brown
Thos. Arnold

Which Report is Accepted & approved of & Thos. Arnold is Appointed to procure a book for that purpose, As also One for Recording the Minutes of this Meeting And Report to this Meeting when Accomplished. —— And that the Overseers Stir Up Friends Every Where within this Meeting to give in regular Accounts of All Births & deaths that they May be Recorded.

The Comtee. Appointed to Treat with a Comtee. from the Quarterly Meeting, & that from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting Make Report, which Not being fully to Satisfaction this meeting's Comtee. is desired to Endeavour to Obtain Another Opportunity with the Comtee. from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting Upon those Matters, & make Report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Matter Recommended from the Meeting for Sufferings respecting Sending forwards the Subscriptions Which have been Or might be made for the Yearly meetings School. Coming UnderConsideration & the Comtee Appointed to Collect An Account of the Same Reporting that the sum of £176„ 2 towards the fund & £29„ 6. for the first year is Subscribed which together with the Interest of Rachell Thayer's Donation Some time past given to the School for three Years. it being about £24. a year Make £53.6. for the present year: —— And the Clerk is directed to forward A Copy of the Above Minute to the Next meeting for Sufferings together with the Subscriptions. —

The Comptee Appointed to Enquire into Chad Smiths Clearness in Respect to Marriage Engagemts Made Report that Upon Enquiry they find Nothing to hinder A Certificate being granted According to request And they produced A few lines by way Of Certificate for that purpose directed to Swanzey Monthly Meeting Which Was Approved of & signed by the Clerk. —

This Meeting is Informed by way of the Upper preparative Meeting that James Bussum Proposes going to Saratoga Upon Business And desires A few lines by way of Certificate to Friends there With which this Meeting Concurs & the Clerk is directed to give him A Copy of this Minute. —

Daniel Anthony Informed this Meeting that he is About to go to Philadelphia On business, & Expects to be there in the Time of their Yearly

Yearly Meeting which he is desirous to attend
Of which this Meeting Approves & the Clerk is
desired to furnish him with A Copy of this Minute

This Meeting being Informed by way of the Upper preparative Meeting that Anthony Chace Junr has for a long time much Neglected the attendance Of Our Religious Meetings also plainness of Dress & Language, And that he has been laboured with therefor without the desired effect, whereupon Jacob Arnold Rufus Smith the younger & Jabez Wing Are Appointed to take An Opportunity with him Concerning the Matters Complained of And Make Report to Next Monthly Meeting ~

The Matter of Reappointing Overseers & overseers of the poor Also the Makeing An Addition to the Visitors, as Also the paper of William Lapham together with all Other Business before this Meeting is refered to Next Monthly Meeting. — Thos Arnold Clerk —

9 mo
1783

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 25th of the 9th mo 1783. the Meeting being convened the Representatives Appointed from the Preparative Meetings Are from
Smithfd Upper House Elisha Thornton & Wm Buffum
" Lower House Asa Potter & Jeremiah Harris
Who being Called Are All present Except William Buffum Who is Absent by reason of Sickness in his Family

Two of the Friends Appointed to take An Opportunity with John Batty Inform they have had One to a good degree of Satisfaction; the Other Not attending by reason of Sickness whereupon that Matter is refered under the

Care of the Same Comtee to Whom Elisha Thorn & George Arnold Are added they to Report to Next monthly Meetg

Elisha Thornton & George Arnold Report they have Entered Such of the Yearly Meeting Minutes As were Intended As Rules in the Book of Discipline According to Appointment

The Friends Continued to further Treat with Peter Gaskill, Except One who was Not able to attend, Report they have had Another Opportunity with him & that he appeared to be in A More Cool & Indifferent State of Mind than before, yet his Mother Requesting he might be waited longer On, & this Meeting feeling Easy After weighing the Case the Same is Continued under the Care of said Comtee they to Report in the 11th mo. & Benjamin Arnold & Amasa Gray Are added to Said Comtee.

The Comtee Continued to Treat with the Comtee from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting respecting the Several Matters Necessary to be divided between them, laid before this Meeting some Conclusions of the two Comtee respectg the Subject Matters of their Appointment. but as some parts thereof Are Not alltogether Satisfactory to this Meeting; In particular respecting the two Meetings Stock which its feard May Occasion Uneasiness between the two Meetings, And being Clearly of Opinion it will be best if possible that the fund now Owned by the two Meetings be Appropriated to some fixed Object in Order to avoid the Difficulties Otherwise Apprehended Whereupon said Comtee is Continued to propose to & Treat with Uxbridge Monthly Meetg or Such Comtee as they may Appoint Or Continue for that purpose, of the

The Appropriating said fund to the Yearly Meetings School & Defray the Expence of Schooling poor Children in the same agreable to the Intention of the Donor. for Such Time As the said School shall be kept up within the Verge of either of the two Monthly Meetings

Which Appropriation in Manner Afors.d this Meeting As far as respects this part thereof Now consents to, & concludes Upon & desire the same may be fallen in with by Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, in which case this Meeting agrees to Accept the remainder part of the Report as it Now is.

The Comtee. in the Care of Anthony Chase Jur. Inform that they have had An Opportunity with him & but little satisfaction he Appearing in An Indifferent State of Mind & giving No Encouragemt. of Amending yet in Consideration of his Youth this Meeting thinks best to Refer the same under the Care of said Comtee. they to Report to Our Next Meeting.

The Matter of Reappointing Overseers & Overseers of the poor, & of Making An Addition to the Visitors is again refered to Our Next Meeting; the further Division of this Meeting being Under the Consideration of the Quarterly Mtg.

A paper of Acknowledgemt. from William Lapham Condemning his Misconduct in keeping Compy. with A young Woman in a manner Inconsistant with the good Order & Discipline Among Friends was sent up from the town preparative Meeting & read in this Mtg. Whereupon George Comstock Jonathan Mowry & Jacob Arnold Are Appointed to take A Solid Opportunity with him, & Report their Sense of his Sincerity therein &

Suitableneſs to make Satisfaction therefor to Next Monthly Meeting. This Meeting Adjourns to the 9th hour tomorrow Morning

26th. day met by Adjournmt.

The Representatives being Called Only Aſa Potter present. The Clerk being Abſent Thomas Lapham is Appointed Clerk for the day.

The Queries And Answers from the Preparative Meetings with general Anſwers collected therefrom were read in And the general Anſwers were Inserted in An Acct. to the Quarterly Meeting Which Was Approved of & signed by the Clerk, And Benjamin Arnold Rufus Smith & Amaſa Gray Are Appointed & Named therein as representatives Who Are Deſired to Report to next Monthly Meeting.

This Meeting is Informed by way of the lower preparative Meeting that John Alsop has a prospect of Removing within the Verge of the Creek Monthly Meeting in the Nine partners, & requested Our Certifi-cate for himſelf & Family Whereupon Caleb Greene & George Comstock Are Appointed to pay him A Viſit Upon that Matter, & prepare A Certificate if they find Nothing to hinder & report to Next Monthly Meeting.

The lower Preparative Meeting Inform that the time Agreed on to hold the Meeting At One of the places at Scituate has been out for some time Whereupon this Meeting Appoints Jabez Wing Joseph Congdon John Holden & Benja. Smith to pay A Viſit there & Agree for that or Another place as may Appear best for the purpose of holding the Meeting & alſo to Enquire into the Circumstances of the Meeting house left there, & report to Next Mthly. Meeting.

Thos. Arnold Clerk

At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held At Smithfd the 30th of the 10th mo. 1783.

The Meeting being Convened the Representatives Appointed from the Preparative Meetings Are from Smithfd Upper house Joseph Buffum & Jonathan Mowry
" Lower House Amasa Gray & Jeremiah Wilkinson
The Clerk being Absent. Thomas Lapham is Appointed to Supply his place this time. —

This Meeting Recd. the Epistle from the last Quarterly Meeting Which Was read to Satisfaction.

Also Recd. Extracts from the Quarterly Meeting's Minutes Informing of A Division of this Meeting, the Necessary proceedings thereon Are Refer'd to the Adjournment of this Meeting Which is Adjourned to the 3 day of Next Week At the 11th hour by Reason of the Minutes of this Meeting being Absent.

The 4th of the 11mo. 1783 Met by Adjournmt. the Meeting being Convened & the Representatives Called they Are All present.

The Extracts from the Quarterly Meetings Minutes was Again Read Up, Whereby it Appears that the further Division of Smithfield Monthly Meeting is Concluded On by the Quarterly Meeting & the Lower preparative Meeting is Constituted A Distinct Monthly Meeting of Men & Women Friends by the Name of Providence Monthly Meeting. — And Also that the Quarterly Meetings Comtee. before Appointed to Consider of Dividing the Meeting is Still Continued to Attend these two Meetings & Assist them in dividing Such Matters As Are Necessary to be divided between them, & to Consider of Time & place of holding Providence Monthly Meetg.

And Also to take Care in respect to the Division of such
Matters as still remain Necessary to be divided between
those two & Uxbridge Monthly Meeting who Are directed
to Report to Next Quarterly Meeting. It also appears
that Providence Monthly Meeting in the Meantime
is directed to be held for the first time on the 4th. day
in the 11th mo. & Afterwards on the fourth day before the
last fifth day in Each Month, & the Select Meetings
Altogether As heretofore —— Accordingly this Meetg.
proceeds to Transact the Business proper to Smithfd.
Monthly Meeting Referring the Remainder to that of
Providence to be held to Morrow.—

It Appearing Necessary that a Comtee.
be Appointed to Attend the Quarterly Meetings Comtee.
& to give them Such Information As Appears Necessary
in Respect to those Matters to be divided between the
three Monthly Meetings Our Friends Jonathan
Mowry William Buffum & Seth Kelly Are Appointed
for the Same And to Make Report to Our Next Monthly
Meeting. The Comtee. in the Case of John Batty Except
One who was Absent by reason of Sickness report that
they have had A Sollid opportunity with him & that
it is their Sense it will be safe to ~~accept~~ Receive him A Member
of Our Society Which Report is Accepted & he Received Accordy.

Two of the Comtee. in the Case of Anthony Chase
Junr. Report that they have had Another Opportunity
with him & that he Appears in A disagreable State of
Mind Affording No Encouragemt. of Amendment or for

Testimony of Denial agst Phillip Stratton from the Nine Partner Monthly Meeting. the further Consi-deration & Disposal Whereof is Refered to Providence Mothly Meeting. — Also Rec.d A Certificate from the Nine partner Monthly Meeting in behalf of three of John Colemans Sons whose Names Are Walter John & Nathaniel Informing they Are Members of Our Society & recommending them to the Care of Friends Here. ~~Which Certificate is Accepted & directed to be sent to Providence Monthly Meeting.~~

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At our Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield ye 27th of ye 11th Month 1783.
The Representatives Appointed at the Preparative at the Preparative Meeting are Benjamin Peirce & Daniel Allen both present. By the late Division of the Monthly Meeting this is Distitue of a Clerk, Wherefore Elisha Thornton is Appointed for this Day.
The Comittee to Attend on the Quarterly Meetings Comtee in Respect to matters Necessary to be divided between the Several Monthly: Report which is Accepted & is as follows,

~~1784~~ ~~Dr~~ ~~Monthly Meeting before Divided in~~
~~Acct Current — To Sundry Debts Due as per~~
~~List £ 111 : 7 : 7 ½~~ ~~By Sundry Credits £ 79 : 19 : 1½~~
~~By Ballance due from Mtg 31 : 8 : 6~~
~~111 : 7 : 7½~~
~~Smithfield 20th 2nd Mo 1784~~
~~Then Adjusted & Settled all Accts between the~~
~~Several Monthly Monthly Meetings of Smithfield~~
~~Uxbridge & Providence which Settled all together~~
as

We of the Several Comtees from Smithfield, Uxbridge & Providence Monly Meetgs, have According to Appointment met with the Quarly Meetgs Comtee, respecting the division of matters between the Meetgs & Mutually agreed to the following Report, by the Approbation of the Quarterly Meetg Comtee, N B, there were none of the Women's Comtee from Uxbridge present

st Boundaries between Smithfield & Uxbridge Monly Meetgs Beginning at Richard Steers Sawmill in the Southwesterly part of Gloucester, Extending a due West cource, & the other way Easterly with the Road to Thomas Owen's House; thence to Moses Coopers: thence to Isaac Wallers. thence to Inmans Mills; thence to Benja Buffum: thence to the fork of the Road a few rods South=easterly of Josiah Shoves; thence with the Road to Serjants Mills: thence to Darius Daniels: thence to John Walkers House, where is Son Walter now lives; thence a due North Course: All the above mentioned Friends to belong to Uxbridge Monthly Meeting

2d Between Smithfield & Providence Monly Meetgs, Beginning at Richard Steers Sawmill, A Straight line to Joseph Bassets house (he belonging to Providence Monly Meetg) thence to Elisha Mowrys Son of Daniel, thence to the great Road that leads from Providence to Worcester Striking said Road 20 Rods Southerly of John Mans, thence to Wm Gulleys, thence to John Bartlets in Cumberland, thence to Amos Arnold he to belong to Providence Meeting

3rd In Regard to the Poor, that Smithfield & Providence Monly Meetgs have Equally the care of Supporting Lawrence Southwick & family: Such of them as are members to Smithfield Monthly Meetg: the others that have had Assistance from friends, to be under care of the Meetgs they belong to in regard to Support, as well as otherways

4th In regard to the debts, that all that were due at the time of the first Division of the Meetgs be Paid Equally by all three of the now Monthly Meetings

5th that the one half of all the Common Stock belong to Uxbridge Monly Meeting, & the other half Equally between Smithfield & Providence Monthly Meetings

6th That Uxbridge Monly Meetg be held on the 6th day after the last 5th day in each month at Uxbridge, untill further direction from the Quarterly Meetg; And that Providence Monly Meetg be held on the 4th day before the last 5th day in each Month, at Smithfield Lower Meetg house, till Friends are Accommodated for holding it at Providence: & Then to be held Alternately there, & At Smithfield

Smithfield 25th of ye 11th mo 1783
Signed on behalf of the Several
Commitees by

Wm Buffum
Daniel Aldrich
Amasa Gray
Martha Comstock
Abigail Harris

As One, as per List of Debts and Credits to be Entred in
Said Monthly Meetings Treasury Book, And it is Agreed that
the Said Ballance be Equally paid by Smithfield & Providence
Monthly Meetings so that the Accompt will Stand Ballanced
As to Uxbridge having any thing to pay or Receive Save
One half of the Donation of Rachel Thayer being Now Agreed
to ~~being~~ be Four Hundred Pounds, this being £6:4:1½ of the
Interest Allowd to go as Principle to Make that Sum one half
of which Sum being £200 is paid to Uxbridge in the following
Securities Viz: Saml Aldrich for £113:6:7½ Nathan & Jacob
Aldrich £43.9.2. George Smith £25:5:1. & William Buffum
£17:19:1½ And Smithfields proportion being One Quarter
is paid in William Buffums Note for One Hundred Pounds,
And Providence paid in George Smith's Note for One Hund
Pounds Lawfull Money, We have Also Divided to Uxbridge
One half of the Books, Smithfield one Quarter & Providence
One Quarter. Which Settlement We Report to the Several
Monthly Meetings as Our Doings as A Committee, Appointed
by our Respective Monthly ~~Monthly~~ Meetings to Settle and
Divide all Matters to be Settled & Divided between Uxbridge
And Smithfield & Providence, & herewith present the
Respective Securities to the Monthly Meetings to be by them
Disposed of all which is Submitted by

Jacob Arnold
George Comstock
Wm Buffum
Committee from Smithfield

William Basset
Jaazaniah Barrett
Richard Mowry
Committee for Uxbridge

Moses Brown
Augustus Lapham
Amasa Gray
Joseph Farnum
Committee for Provide

The Comittee Appointed to Inform Anthony Chace Junr. and draw a Testimony of his Denial, Report that they have informd him, Also Presented a Paper of his Denial, which was Read Accepted & Signd by the Clerk

The matter of Appointment of Visitors coming under Consideration and The late Division of the Monthly Meeting, renders the former beginning of Appointment of Visitors difficult to Introduce at this time, wherefore they are considered Dismissed; And George Comstock Rufus Smith And Elisha Thornton are Appointed Visitors in this Meeting & the futher Addition is referd to Next Monthly Meeting,

The Appointment of Overseers coming under consideration the former are dismiss,d & Ananias Mowry Jur. & Benedict Remington Are Appointed Overseers in this Meeting.

The Appointment of Overseers of the Poor coming under Consideration Joseph Buffum & Jonathan Mowry are Appointed Overseers Accordingly in this Meeting. George Comstock Exhibited a Certificate on behalf of John Alsop & Family, Which was Signd by the Clerk, & committed to the care of Jacob Arnold to transm

The Comittee in the case of Peter Gaskill Report, that they have had Another opportunity with him & think it Safe to wait longer on him. therefore it is again referd under the care of the three friends belonging to this Meeting, the others now belonging to Providence Monthly Meety And Jacob Arnold & Zachens Southwick are added to them & they to Report to Next Monthly Meeting.

The matter of Jacob Arnolds removeing being renewd in this Meeting, Rufus Smith David Buffum & Elisha Thornton are Appointed to have the care of that matter & report to next Monthly Meeting. The Preparative Meeting Informing that Walter Allen proposes to ly his Intention of Marriage with Mehitabel Killey before this Meeting, & he Producing consent of Parents they Appeard & laid their Intention Accordingly and Wm. Buffum & Ananias Mowry are appointed to make inquiry into his clearness in that respect & report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Preparative Meeting Also Informd that George Smith Jur. Proposes to lay his Intention of Marriage with Rachel Read before this Meeting, & he producing consent of Parents

They Appeard & laid their Intention Accordinly, & David Mowry And Rufus Smith are Appointed to inquire into his clearneſs in that respect & Report to Next Monthly Meeting.

At Our Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield ye 25th Day of ye 12th Month 1783.—

The Representatives Appointed at the Preparative are Jos. Buffum And Jacob Bartlet both Present.—

There being no Clerk Appointed as yet in this Meeting for any length of time, Elisha Thornton is Appointed for this Day & Rufus Smith Wm Buffum Jonathan Mowry & David Mowry are Appointed to take into conſideration who may be Suitable to propose to the Meeting, & treat with the Friend thereon & report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Additions of Visitors referd from last Monthly Meeting to this coming under conſideration, George Smith is Added thereto, And they to report within one year

The Comittee in the case of Peter Gaſkill report. that they have had another opportunity with him, & find if either Way leſs inſted of more encouragement of his making Satisfaction Yet as a Friend Signified some inclination to pay him another Visit it is again referd till Next Monthly Meeting for further conſideration

The Comittee Reſpecting Jacob Arnolds removal Report, that they thought best to leave him at liberty to Proceed if he Chooses in an Orderly Manner.

The Comittee to enquire into Walter Allen's clearneſs report that they find Nothing to hinder his proceeding in Marriage as proposd, they Appeard in this Meeting received their Answer & Benjamin Peirce Rufus Smith are Appointed to see the Same consumated and report to Next Monthly Meeting.

The Comittee to enquire into George Smith Junr. clearneſs Report they find Nothing to hinder his proceeding in Marriage As proposd & they Appeard in this Meeting & recievd their Anſwer And George Comſtock David Mowry are Appointed to See the Same Conſumated & report to Next Monthly Meeting

The Preparative Meeting Informd this, That Nicholas Battey proposes to lay his Intention of Marriage with

Thankful Baker before this Meeting, & that he produced Consent of Parents to that Meeting, they Appeard & Said their Intention Accordingly, & Ananias Mowry & Daniel Allen are Appointed to enquire into his clearneſs in that reſpect And report to Next ~~Meeting~~ Monthly Meeting

The Women Requested the Aſsistance of this Meeting in the Matter of Phila Aldrich's request, for the care of Friends Over her, George Comſtock, George Smith, Eliſha Thornton, Are Appointed for that Service & report to next Monthly Meetg

James Buſſum Inform'd this Meeting that he has Occaſion to go to Hoſock on buſineſs & deſires A few lines by way of Certificate from this Meeting to that Signifying his right of of Memberſhip among Us, to which this Meeting conſents & hereby Certifieth he is amember of this Meeting, and the Clerks is directed to give him a Copy of this Minute

An Account to the Quarterly Meeting with Anſwers to the Queries was agreed on in this Meetg & Signd by the Clerk. And William Arnold, Ananias Mowry, Rufus Smith And Eliſha Thornton, are Appointed Repreſentatives to the Next Quarterly Meeting, & make report to next Monthly Meetg.

Wm Buſſum, Jacob Arnold, & George Comſtock Are Appointed to join ~~a~~ comittees from the Monthly Meetings of Uxbridge & Providence Agreeable to the Conclusion of sd Meetings by Approbation of Q. M. Comte in the Settlement of property And to report when finished

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At Our Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield ye 29th of 1st Month 1784

The Repreſentatives Appointed at the Preparative Meeting are Jonathan Mowry & Seth Kelly both present

The Comittee to consider who might be proper to name to the Meeting for a Clerk, & treat with ~~the~~ friend thereon, have paid Attention to that matter, but not being fully ready to report, it is Referd to next Monthly Meeting they then to report, And David Mowry is Appointed Clerk for this Day

The Epistle from the last Quarterly Meeting was Read in this Meeting to Good Satiſfaction and as it contains Special And very Neceſsary Advices, this Meeting Directs it Recorded And is as followes

From Our Quarterly Meeting held at Swanzey the 7: 8 & 9th Days of the 1st Mo 1784

To the Monthly Meetings hereunto belonging

Dear Friends We have Received Accounts with anſwers to the Queries from all the Monthly Meetings By which it Appears Notwithſtanding our Repeted Advice that Reproachfull practice of Sleping in Meetings Still continues, we do therefore Recommend to the Monthly Meetings weightly & tenderly to treat with Such Perticulars who are found guilty herein

A Concern to diſcourage the dealing in Spirituous Lyquors Was opened in this Meeting, Uniting therein, And being Deſirous to Spread & incourage the concern, do Tenderly advise Friends Wisely & impartially to feel After the motive Especially Such as May incline to deal therein that they may be redeemed from Coveting that Unriteous Gain, which Ariseth from Selling To others that which they know does them harm, And often worketh Their Ruing, We desire Friends throughout the Several Monthly Meetings to have a Watchful Eye Over their Members timely Cautioning And Advising Such as may Unguardedly incline to Such practices This Meeting Also having under Conſideration the Subject of Chusing Clerks of Meetings Annually, do Recommend it to the Several Monthly Meetings to come into that pratice in future

Signed by Order & in behalf of Sd Meetg

By William Almy Clk

The case of Peter Gaſkill Again Comming under Consideration, Upon a friends request it is referred Another Month

One of the Comittee to see the Consumation of Walter Allen's Marriage Report, that he Attended, and According to his Observation it was in an orderly Manner. the other not being Present it being Very Stormy, he living a considerable distance off

The Comittee to See the Consumation of George Smith Jun: Marriage Report, that they Attended & According to their Observation it was conducted in an orderly manner.

The Comittee to inquire into the Clearneſs of Nicholas Battey's Proceeding in Marriage Report, they find Nothing to ~~to~~ hender his Proceeding. Nicholas Battey & Thankful Baker came into this Meeting & received their Anſwer for Marriage. And Jacob Arnold & Danl Allen Are Appointed to See the Same Conſumated & make Report to Next Monthly Meeting.

The Comittee in the case of Philis Aldrich Report, they think it best to refer it one Month, And it is referred Accordingly they then to Report. The Representatives Appointed to Attend the Quarterly Meeting Report, they all Attended.

This Meeting is inform'd that James Green is removed to Greenwich & desires a Certificate, Also that Ezra Ruſsel is Removed to Rhode Iſland, George Comſtock & Elisha Thornton Are appointed to Prepare Certificates for them & report to Next Monthly Meeting. This Meeting is Inform'd by a Minute of the Preparative Meeting in the 12th mo. last that Ebenezer Tory is removed to Cahooſs with his Family & Recommend the Same to our care, Whereupon Jona Mowry George Comſtock & Wm Buffum, Are Appointed to have the care of that Matter & report as soon as they think Neceſsary

This Meeting is Inform'd by the last Preparative Meetg of Benjamin Buffum son of Joseph Aſsociating himself with Vain & Unprofitable Company, adoing at Card playing & Keeping Company with one not of our Society, we appoint Seth Kelley Rufus Smith & Walter Allen to take the Neceſsary care of that Matter & report to Next Monthly Meetg.

This Meeting being Inform'd by the Preparative Meeting of Stephen Baker removed within the verge of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, And deſires a Certificate, this Meeting doth Appoint Bennedict Remminton & Jonathan Mowry to Inquire into that Matter & Prepare a Certificate if they think best and bring to Next Monthly Meeting

The Preparative Meeting is deſired to Subſcribe Toward the Support of the Poor, & the Clerk is directed to lay a Coppy of this Minute before Next Preparative Meeting

This Monthly Meeting hath Raised and sent up to the Yearly Meetings Treasurer Five Pounds Nine Shillings and Seven pence

David Mowry Clerk

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At Our Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield ye 26th of ye 2nd Mo 1784 The Meeting being Conven'd the Repreſentatives Appointed at the Preparative Meeting are, Zacheus Southwick And James Harkneſs both Presente

The Comittee to consider who might be propper to name to this Meeting for a Clerk, Report, that they think it may be well to Appoint David Mowry Clerk for the present Year And he is Appointed Accordingly

The matter of Peter Gaskill Refer'd last Month is again Referred to next Monthly Meeting by reaſon the Complaint being mislaid One of the Comittee to See the Conſumation of Nicholas Batteys & Thankful Baker Marriage Attended And did not discover but it was Conducted in an Orderly Manner, The other not Attending by reason his being Indiſpos'd

The case of Phillis Aldrich is Again referr'd another Month the Comittee not being ready to Report

The Case of James Green & Ezra Ruſsel is Refer'd to Next Monthly Meeting the Comittee not being present

The Comittee in the case of Benjamin Buffum Report They think it best it be Refer'd Another Month it is refer'd Accordingly

The Comittee in the case of Stephen Bakers Report, they think it best it be Referd Another Month they then to Report

The Comittee Appointed to Divide all matters that Seem Necessary to be Divided between the three Meetings brought a Report to this Meeting which is Accepted & is as follows

Dr. Monthly Meeting before Divided in Acct Curr Cr.

1784	To Sundry Debpts (Due as per List	£111:7:7½	By Sundry Creates	£79:19:1½
			By Ballance due from the Meet	31:8:6
				111:7:7½

Settling of Accounts btw new Sep. Meetings
Smithfield, Uxbridge, Providence

Smithfield 20th 2nd Mo 1784

Then Ajusted & Settled all Acct between the Several Monly Meetg of Smithfield, Uxbridge, & Providence, which Subsisted while together As One, As pr List of Debts & Credate to be Entered in the Said Monthly Meetings Treasury Book, And it is Agreed that the Said Ballance be Equally Paid by Smithfield and Providence Monthly Meetings so that the Account will Stand Ballanced as to Uxbridge having any thing to Pay or Receive save the One half of the Donation of Rachel Thayer being Now agreed to be Four Hundred Pounds, this being £6.4.1½ of the Interest Allow'd to go as principal to make this Sum one half of which Sum being £200 is paid to Uxbridge in the following Securities Viz, Samuel Aldrich for £113.6.7½ Nathan ~~Aldrich~~ and Jacob Aldrich £43.9.2. George Smith, £25.5.1 & William Buffum, £17.19.1½ And Smithfields proportion being one Quarter is paid in William Buffum's Note for One Hundred Pounds, & Providence paid in George Smith's Note for One Hundred Pounds Lawful Money, we have also Divided to Uxbridge One half of the Books, Smithfield One Quarter, & Providence One Quarter, Which Settlement we Report to the Several Monthly Meetg as our Doings as a Committee, Appointed by Our Respective Monly Meetings to Settle & Divide all matters to be Settled & Divided between Uxbridge & Smithfield & Providence & we herewith present the Respective Securities to the Monthly Meetings to be by them Disposed of, all which is Submitted by

Jacob Arnold
George Comstock
Wm Buffum
Committee for Smithfield

Wm Basset
Jaazaniah Barrett
Richard Mowry
Committee for Uxbridge

Moses Brown
Augustus Lapham
Amasa Gray
Joseph Farnum
Committee for Providence

This Meeting Received the Note of Hand mentioned in the Report Signed by Wm Buffum for £ 100:^{s}0:^{d}0 it being this Meetings Proportion of the Donation of Rachel Thayer

The above Note is lodg'd with the Clerk

This Meeting is Inform'd by the last Preparative Meeting that Jabez Wing Son of Jabez hath Attended Places of Merriment Huskings & Danced for which the Over-seers have laboured with him as have his Parents Also, & that he Appeared in Such a disposition that they thought best to Acquaint this Meeting therewith, And this Meeting Appoints Joseph Comstock Jacob Arnold & Ezekiel Fowler to take the Necessary care of that Matter and Report to Next Monthly Meeting

This Meeting is Inform'd by the last Preparative Meeting that Nicholas Battee Proposes to move within the Verge of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting & desires a Certificate this meeting Appoints David Mowry & Daniel Allen to take the Necessary care of that Matter & prepare a Certificate if they think best & bring to next Monly Meetg

This Meeting is Inform'd by the last Preparative Meeting that Israel Chace has a prospect to move Leicester within the Verge of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, & Desires Friends Advice therein & a Certificate if they Approve of his moving, this Meeting Appoints Ananias Mowry George Smith & Rufus Smith to take the Necessary care of that matter & prepare a Certificate if they think best and bring to to Next Monthly Meeting

Raised at the last Preparative Meeting & Delivered to the Treasurer £6:5:0

This Meeting Appoints Jabez Wing an auditor in Addition to those heretofore Appointed

At Our Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield ye 25th of ye 3rd Mo 1784 The Meeting being Convend the the Representatives Appointed at the Preparative Meeting Are, Jacob Arnold and Richard Estes Both Present

The Affair of Peter Gaskill came again under consideration And the Friend by whose Request that matter had been referr'd Expressing he had no desire to have it refer'd any Longer And it Appearing to the Meeting time to disown Unity with him, he is disowned Accordingly, & Rufus Smith & George Smith

Are Appointed to Inform him thereof and and of his Right of Appeal and draw a Teſtimony of his Denial & Report to next Monthly Meeting The matter of Phillis Aldrich's Request is again Referd under the Care of the Same Comtee by reaſon of that they have been Several times Disappointed in meeting with her. And have not had an Opportunity as yet, & they are deſired to pay Attention thereto and Report to our Next Meeting

One of the Committee Produced Certificates for James Green and Ezra Ruſsel which were Signed by the Clerk, And David Buffum is Deſired to forward them to the Monthly Meeting to which they are directed

Two of the Committee in the case of Benjamin Buffum Report, that they have had an Opportunity tho in a broken Manner, by reaſon he at that time refuſed to go with them to a Suitable place, and all the Committee having Since been together And he declined to meet with them, and that he gave them no Satiſfaction at Said Opportunity. But that they think best to diſown him which also Seemeth well to this Meeting. And we hereby diſown Unity with him as a Member, & Robert Wilkinson & Nehemiah Sprage are Appointed to Inform him thereof & of his Right of Appeal & Draw a Teſtimony of his denial and Make Return to Our Next Meeting

A Certificate on behalf of Stephen Baker son of John directed to Uxbridge Monthly Meeting was Produced by the Comtee Read Approved of and Signed by the Clerk

One of the Comtee the others being Absent, in the Case of Jabez Wing Junr Informed this Meeting that they had all an Opportunity with him and that he owned the Subſtance of the Complaint to be true, and gave no Encouragement of Reforming in his Life and Converſation. Wherefore this Meetg disown Unity with him as a Member, & George Comſtock & David Mowry are Appointed to Inform him thereof & of his Right of Appeal & draw a Teſtimony of his denial and make Return to Our Next Meeting

The Comtee in the Case of Nicholas Battys removing to Uxbridge finding Nothing to hinder his removal presented a Certificate on behalf of himself and Wife, with was read in this Meetg and Signd by the Clerk, And sent to the Women Meetg

The Friends Appointed, not having all of them had an Opportunity with Israel Chace on the Subject of his Removing to Leicester, that matter is referd to our next Meetg under the care of the same Frds

The Preparative Meeting Informing that Joseph Bartlet Junr very much Neglects the Attendance of Meetings & is keeping Company with one not of Our Society; Benjamin Pierce Jonathan And Nemiah Sprague are Appointed to take a Solid Opportunity with him and to Labour with him as they Shall find ability & make Return to Our Next Meeting

The Preparative Meeting also Informing that David Allen had Some thoughts of Removing to Providence; and desire friends Advice therein, Whereupon David Buffum, Ananias Mowry, Rufus Smith, Seth Kelley, & Benedict Remmington are Appointed to advise with him in that Respect and make Return to Our Next Meeting what they think best in that Matter

It also Appearing by the Preparative Meetg Minutes that David Buffum has Some prospect of Attending the next Yearly Meeting on Long Island, & this Meetg Approving of his proposed visit, a Certificate on his behalf was Signed in this Meetg for that purpose. by the Clerk, & Sent to the Womens Meetg & there Signed by their Clerk and Returnd.

James Buffum Returnd the Certificate he had in the 12th Mo last to go to East Hoosock

The Preparative Meeting Also Informed that they Raised and Delivered the Treasurer 13/5

The Queries were Read in this Meeting with Answers thereto which were Inserted in an Acct, to the Quartery Meetg and Sent by our Representatives therein Named who are Walter Allen David Mowry Benjamin Peace and they to Report to our Next Meeting

A letter to the Monthly Meeting at the Creek in the Nine Partners Respecting Nathan Cass and Elisabeth his Wife was Signed in this Meeting by the Clerk, & delivered to George Comstock who is Desired to preserve a Copy thereof & Send the Original forward.

At our Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield ye 29th of ye 4th Mo. 1784. The Meeting being Conven'd the Representatives Appointed at the Preparative Meeting are, Jacob Bartlet and Thomas Holder both Present.

The Epistle from our last Quarter was Read in this Meeting to Good Satisfaction. The Friends Appointed in the case of Peter Gaskill Presented a paper of his Denial which was Read and it Appearing best to have Some Alteration & they are Directed to pay Attention thereto & Report to our Next Montly Meetg

The Comtee in the case of Philis Aldrich Report They have paid Attention to their Appointment

The Comtee in the case of Benjamin Buffum Report, they Informed him of his Denial, & presented a Paper of his Denial to this Meeting which was Return'd for Some amendment And they make Report to our Next Meeting

The Comtee in the case of Jabez Wing Jur Attended to their Appointment, Informed him of his denial & Presented a paper of his Denial to this Meeting which was Read Acptd & Signd by the Clerk

The case of Israel Chace came again under Consideration And the Comtee Informing that he has thought best to Remove only as a Labourer for this Season, & desires a few Lines by way of Certificate, a Certificate being presented which was Accepted And Signed by the Clerk

The Committee to treat with Daniel Allen Report, they think best for him not Remove at present, which Appeared to his Satisffaction

The Representatives Appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting Report, they all Attended

The Comittee in the Case of Joseph Bartlet son of Joseph Report, that they have had an Opportunity with him, & that he Appears in a disposition of continuing in the practices whereof he was Complaind And not in a State of mind to make Friends Satisfaction, wherefore this Meeting disowns Unity with him as a Member, Walter Allen & Wm Buffum are Appointed to Inform him thereof and of his Right of Appeal & draw a Testimony of his Denial & make return to our next Meetg

The Quarterly Meeting Recommends to the Monthly Meetg to Subscribe in their freedom & send up to the Yearly Meetgs Treasurer.

The Treasurer Informed this Meeting that there is Money wanted to pay debts Already Contracted, which this Meetg Advises for the Preparative Meeting to Raise & deliver to the Treasurer.

At our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 27th 5mo 1784 — The Friends Named in the Acct from the Preparative Meetg for Representatives are Danl Allen & George Comstock both present —

The Friends Appointed presented another Testimony of the denial of Peter Gaskill which being Read was Approved of And Signed by George Comstock Clerk for this time —

The Comittee presented an Amendment of a Testimony of the Denial of Benjamin Buffum (son of Joseph) which being Approved of, Signed by the Clerk — The Comittee make Report, that they have Informed Joseph Bartlet son of Joseph According to Appointment and presented a Testimony of his Denial which being read was Approved of & Signed by the Clerk.

The Preparative Meeting Informing that Moses Aldrid has much Neglected the Attendance of Meetings for Discipline, Also payment of his just debts much to the Dissatisfaction of his Creditors Some of Whome for a Number of years have been requesting he would Settle with them, which he has not Complyd with for which they Complain of him; Adam Harkness Joseph Comstock Rufus Smith & George Comstock are Appointed to visit him & Labour with him as they Shall be enabled for an amendment of his Conduct in these Respects and make return to our Next Meeting —

This Meeting is Also Informed by the Preparative, that Laurence Southwick Refuses the Advice and Aſsistance of Friends, in the way and manner Proposed to him by the Committee and Overseers of the Poor, of this and Providence Monthly Meeting for which he has been several times Laboured with to bring him to a Compliance without Effect, Whereupon Benjamin Thetteplace Jabez Wing, Joseph Comſtock, & Seth Kelley are Appointed to treat with him on that Account & Labour with him for that Compliance which becoms a Brother in Unity & make return to our next Meetg

We Are likewise Informed by the Preparative Meeting that David Earl hath removed to Uxbridge without Asking Advise or Acquainting this Meeting therewith whereupon George Smith Rufus Smith Benjamin Pearce Are Appointed to give him a viſit, enquire into the reaſon of his Conduct & make return to our next Meetg What they think best to be done in that Matter

Jacob Arnold being about to Remove to the Oblong Monthly Meeting a Certificate directed to that Meetg on his behalf was Signed in this Meeting by the Clerk

The Preparative Meeting further Inform that they have Raised and sent to the Treasurer £4.8.3

Robert Wilkinſon Elisha Thornton are Appointed to Receive the Records & Papers belonging to this Meeting now in the hands of Thomas Arnold lately Clerk of this Meeting And deliver them to the present Clerk

At Our Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield 24th of 4th mo 1784

The ~~Represen~~ Meeting being Convend the Representatives Appointed At the Preparative Meeting are Adam Harkneſs & Benjamin Pearce One Not attending through Indiſpoſition the other Present

The Comittee met with Moſes Aldrich Report they think best it be Referred to Next Monthly Meetirig it is Referd Accordingly they then to Report

The Comittee Report that they have met & Laboured with Laurence Southwick According to their Appointment, and that they find but little Incouragement of his Compliance, Yet it Seeming well to this Meeting it be Referred Two Months, Under the care of the same Friends; and as Providence Monthly Meetg is Concern'd in this matter, and he living within the Limmits of Uxbridge And as the Affair Seems to be of a critical Nature, and this Meeting being desirous that Friends Proceeding may be According to, and Reputable to the Truth; the Clerk is directed to send a Copy of This Minute to eaith of the other mentioned Monthly Meetings; We desire they may find freedom to Unite their Assistance with Us, in order for the Justly terminating this matter.

The Comittee in the case of David Earl Report, that they have Not met with him they Are continued for that Service and to Report to our Next Meeting

The Frds Appointed to Receive the Book & Papers belonging to this Meeting of the Late Clerk, & deliver them to the Present, Inform, that the Minutes Not all being Recorded the matter could Not be Completed, it is therefore referd Under the care of the Friends they to Report in Two Months

The Preparative Meeting Informing, that Ezekiel Fowler, proposed to lay his Intention of Marriage with Sarah Mowry before this Meeting, & that he Also Produced Consent of Parents, they Appeared in this Meeting and Declared their Intention Accordingly, and were directed to Next Monthly Meetg for an Answer, Benja Peane & Elisha Thornton are Appointed to enquire into his Clearness in that respect & Report to our next Meetg

The Preparative Meeting Also Inform that they Raised and Delivered the Treasurer £2:17:6 1/2

Our Friend David Sands Attended this Meeting with his Certificate from the Creek Monthly Meeting in Nine Partners Dated 21st 5th mo 1784. Signifying their Unity with him, and his Visit in to New England, which was Read in this Meeting to Our Satisfaction, As was also his Service herein

Our Friend Thomas Scattergood Attended this Meetg With his Certificate from Philadelphia Montly Meetg for the Northern District, Dated 25th Day of the 5th mo 1784. Signifying their Unity with him, & his Visit into New England, which was Read in this Meeting to Our Satisffaction, as was Also his Services herein

The Queries were Read in this Meeting with Answers thereto And Inserted in an account to the Quarterly Meeting sent by our Representatives therein Named who are, Seth Kelley George Comstock And Rufus Smith, And they to make Return to our Next Meetg

Understanding that the Next Quarterly Meetg is Appointed At this House, Wm Buffum George Comstock & Zacheus Southwick Are directed to Procure horse keeping sufficient, & take the necessary care for the time the same shall be held; & Report to Our Next Meeting

At Our Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield ye 29 of ye 7 Mo 1784 The Meeting being Convend the The Representatives Appointed at the Preparative Meeting are Jonathan Mowry and George Smith both Present

The Epistle from the last Quarterly Meeting was Read in this Meeting to Good Satisfaction & The Epistle from the yearly Meetg held At Newport 1784 Together with the Extracts therefrom were Read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction Received Extracts of the Epistle from London, one from Philadelphia & one from Westbury on Long-Island the Reading of Which is referd to Next Monthly Meeting &

A letter from the Creek Monthly Meeting in the Nine Parterners in Answer to one sent to them from a former Sitting of this Meeting Respecting Nathan Cass Jur & Elijabeth his Wife was Read in this Meetg Signifying their Satisfaction with their present State of mind, As likewise a paper of Acknowledgment from them All which being Satisfactory to this Meeting, their former misconduct is passed by & they received Under our care, and a Certificate on their behalf directed to Said Monthly Meeting was Signed by the Clerk

The Comttee in the case of Moses Aldrich Report, that they have met with him & think best that matter be Refer'd till next Monthly Meeting; it is refer'd Accoringly under the care of the same Comttee, they then to Report &

Two of the Comittee in the case of David Earl Report, that they have met with him & think best he has a Certificate, & they Are desir'd to make an Essay of one & bring To Next Monly Meetg

The Friends Appointed to Enquire into the Clearness of Ezekiel Fowler in Regard to Marriage with Sarah Mowry Report, that they have taken the Necessary care therein &

Find Nothing to hinder their Proceeding, & they Appear'd in this Meeting & received an Answer Approving thereof, & Rufus Smith & Robert Wilkinson, are Appointed to see the Same Accomplished & Report to Next Monthly Meeting

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting made Report, That all Attended, except one the last day of the Meetings Sitting, for which he gave a Satisfactory Reason. And the Comittee to provide Horse-keeping during that time Report, that they provided Accordingly, & they are desired to bring an acct of the expence thereof to our Next Meeting

The Preparative Meeting Informing that George Killey desires a Certificate to Sandwich Monthly Meeting in order for Marriage we Appoint Ananias Mowry & George Smith to take the necessary care in that respect & prepare a Certificate if they think best And bring to our Next Meeting

The Preparative Meeting also Informing that an Addition of Auditors may be Necessary therefore we Appoint Caleb Arnold & Rufus Smith in Addition to the other Auditors

The Preparative Meeting Also Informing, that they have raised £6.18.3 And forwarded the Same to the Treasurer

This Meeting having some Months ago directed a Certificate to Rhode Island Monthly Meeting on behalf of Ezra Russel & being now Informed that he was gone to Dartmouth before the Certificate Arrived, a Certificate on his behalf directed to Dartmouth Monthly Meeting was Signed by the Clerk

David Buffum Return'd the Certificate he had from this Meeting in the 3rd mo last in order to Attend the yearly Meetg at Westbury, & by an Indorsement thereon it Appears he attended Accordingly

Wm Buffum is Appointed to read or procure reading Testimonies of Denial of Peter Gaskill, Benjamin Buffum Jur, Joseph Bartlet Jur, & Jabez Wing Jur at a close of a Meeting at this House, And Report when Accomplished

David Buffum requested a few Lines by way of Certificate to Rhode Island Monthly Meeting Signifying his clearness in Marriage Engagement among us, Joseph Comstock & Elisha Thornton Are Appointed to make the Necessary Enquiry and

Prepare a Draught if they find no Objection & Report to our next Meetg

The Epistle from the Quarterly Meeting Informs that the Sum of £10.10 is Appointed for this Meeting to raise for the Quarterly & Yearly Meetings Stock, & the Preparative Meeting is directed to Raise The Same and Send Up to this Meeting

At Our Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield ye 26th of the 8th Mo 1784 The Meeting being Conven'd the Representatives Appointed at the Preparative Meeting are Ananias Mowry And Seth Killey both Present

Transcript of the Epistle from London Dated 1783 were Read in this Meeting to our Satisfaction

Also the Transcripts of the Epistle from Philadelphia 1783 one from Westbury on Long-Island 1784 were Read in this Meeting to Our Satisfaction

The Comttee Report, that they were Disappointed in Meeting Moses Aldrich, he Not Attending according to agreement that matter is referd to Next Monthly Meeting under the Care of the Same Committee They then to Report

The Comttee Presented a Certificate on behalf of David Earl to Uxbridge Monthly Meeting which was Approved of and Signed by the Clerk. The Comittee Report they attended the Marriage of Ezekiel Fowler & Sarah Mowry & Did Not Discover but it was Conducted in an Orderly manner

The Committee Report that the Cost for Providing for the Quarterly Meeting was £4.04.0 which is directed to be paid by our Meetings Treasurer.

The Comttee presented a Certificate in behalf of George Killey to Sandwich Monthly Meetg, And After Some Alterations made it was Approved of & Signed by the Clerk

The Comittee Report that they in Conjunction with Committees from Uxbridge & Providence Monthly Meetings met with Lawrence Southwick, that they thinks ~~it~~ well his case ~~it~~ be Referred to Next Monthly Meeting, it is referred Accordingly Under their care they then to Report

The Comittee in the case of David Buffum Report, that they find Nothing to hinder his proceeding in Marriage, a Certificate being preſented to Rhode Island Monthly Meeting was Approv'd of & Sign'd by the Clerk

The Preparative Meeting Informs, that James Buffum a Conſiderable time paſt was Charged with being the Father of an Illegettimate Child which has been Eſtabliſhed by Two Courts of Law, which Charge he conſtantly denies, & tho many both Friends & others think probable he is Clear, Yet this Meeting think Neceſsary that matter be further Inſpected, & Daniel Allen, Ananias Mowry, Rufus Smith, David Mowry, Thos Holder, Seth Killey, & Benjamin Phetteplace, are Appointed to inſpect into that matter, & the Circumſtances Attending & Carefully And diligently endeavour to find out the facts as they truly are, & Report the best Judgment they may be enabled to make in regard to that Affair to our Next Monthly Meeting, David Mowry Clk

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At our Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield ye 30th day of the 9th Mo 1784 The Meeting being Conven'd the Repreſentatives Appointed at the Preparative Meeting are Thomas Holder and Eliſha Killey both Preſent

The Comittee in the case of Moses Aldrich Report that they being Again diſappointed he not Attending at their Request that matter is again Referd to our next Monthly Meetg

The Comittee Not being ready to Report in the Case of Laurance Southwick Some not Underſtanding the time Appointed to meet with him that matter is Referrd to Next Monthly Meeting they then to Report

The Comittee in the cas of moving the Books and Paper Report, that the Same obstruction is in the way as was last Month, that matter is Referd to Next Monthly Meeting they then to Report

The Comittee in the case of James Buffum Report that they have Attended to their Appiontted but Not fully

Accomplished the Same; think best that matter be referd not
Not Exceeding Two Months, it is Referd & they to Report Accordingly

The Friend Appointed to Read or cause the Reading the Testimony of Denials of Jabez Wing Jur. Benjamin Buffum Jur., Joseph Bartlet Jur. & Peter Gaskill Report that he hath fulfilled his Appointment

The Preparative Meeting Informing that they have Raised £ 6.14.5 and delivered to the Treasurer

The Queries were Read in this Meeting with Answers thereto & Inserted in An Account to the Quarterly Meeting Sent by our Representatives therein Named who are Elisha Thornton David Mowry & Rufus Smith & they to report to our next Monly Meetg

Our Treasurer is directed to forward by the Above Named Representatives to the Quarterly Meetgs Treasurer the Sum of Six Pounds Six Shillings, & Report to Next Monly Meeting

At Our Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Smithfield 28th of 10th Month 1784

The Account from the Preparative Meeting being Presented, the Representatives therein Named are Joseph Comstock & Elisha Thornton both Present

An Epistle from the last Quarterly Meetg was Read in this Meeting to General Satisfaction

A Certificate from Providence Monly Meetg on behalf of George Arnold Wife & Children was Read & Accepted his Children therein Named are, Phebe, Olive, & Elizabeth

The Comtee in the Case of Moses Aldrich Report in Writing that they find him in an easy Slack Disposition of mind in Regard to Discharging his Engagements or Attending our Monly Meetings & that they find little or no Encouragement of his Amendment on these Acts. Whereupon this Meeting thinks best to Deny Unity with him as a Member, & he is deny'd Accordingly &

George Arnold and Walter Allen are Appointed to Inform him thereof & of his Right of Appeal & draw a Testimony of his Denial and bring to Next Monthly Meeting

Most of the Comtee in the Case Laurance Southwick Report in Writing, that they have met & Visited him & his family & find him in a Disposition Not to take Friends Advice but in part, but As the Report has Not been laid before Providence Monthly Meeting that matter is Referd to next Monly Meetg for further Consideration

The Friends to remove the Books & Papers Report that the Papers are Not ready to remove, that matter is Referd Under their Care to Next Monthly Meeting — Our Representatives to last Quarterly Meetg Report, that they Attended that Service, & Conveyed the Sum of £6. 6. 0 To the Quarterly Meetgs Treasurer, Agreeable to the Direction of last Monly Meetg to our Treasurer

The Preparative Meetg Informed that Arca Smith Proposed the laying his Intention of Marriage with Sarah Boyce before this Meetg, they producing Consent of Parents, Appeared & declared their Intentions of taking each other in Marriage Accordingly, And Ananias Mowry & Joseph Cook are Appointed to Inspect into his Clearness in Regard to Marriage Engagements with others as well as on other Acct, & Report to Next Monly Meeting

The Preparative Meeting also Inform that they rais'd And delivered to our Treasurer £4: 2: 10

Two of the friends Appointed in the Case of Ebenezer Tory in the first Month last Report, that they have had a Short Opportunity with him & find that his outward Affairs are in a difficult Condition, & he in Some degree Seems Sensible that his Conduct has been hasty & Imprudent & that he Says he is Endeavouring to Settle his Affairs at Cohoss & else where & to Return to these parts again, and as the distance is great and time is Necessary to manifest what may be done, that matter is refer'd Under the Case of the Same Committee they to Report when Ready

At Our Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield ye 25th of ye 11th Mo. 178

The Representatives Appointed at the Preparative Meeting Are, George Arnold, & George Smith Jur.– both Present

The Comittee in the Case of Moſes Aldrich Report, They Informed him & presented a paper of his Denial which was returnd for Some Amendment, & referd to Next Monly Meetg

The Case of Laurance Southwick Coming Under the Conſideration of this Meetg After it was largely Treated on it Seemed well that Matter be referred to Next Monthly Meeting it is Referred Accordingly

The Comittee to Remove the Books & Papers Report, that they are Not ready to be Removed, that matter is Referred under their Care to Next Monly Meetg they then to Report.

The Comittee to Inquire into Arca Smith's Clearneſs Report. that they have Taken the Neceſsary Care, & find Nothing to hinder his proceeding in Marriage with Sarah Boyce as Propoſ'd, they Appear'd in this Meetg & received their Anſwer Accordingly Eliſha Thornton & David Buſſum are Appointed to see the Same Accompliſhed & Report to Next Monly Meeting

The Comittee in the Case of James Buſſum Report, they think best that matter be Referd to Next Monly Meetg it is referd Accordinly they then to Report

The Preparative Meeting Inform'd, that a propoſal from the Select Meeting of Ministers & Elders for Smithfield Uxbridge & Providence to this, Whether it might ~~Not~~ be best that Deborah Mowry be Appointed the Station of an Elder After it was Conſidered in this Meeting, thought best to Appoint Rufus Smith Seth Kelley & Robert Wilkinſon to join a Comttee of Women Friends to Visitt her & her family, & Report their Serve to Next Monthly Meeting The Preparative Meetg Inform'd That Chad Smith propoſes to Reſide the Inſuing Winter at Swanſey, & requests our Certificate Concurring therwith & this Meeting having no Objection, the Clerk is Deſired to furniſh him With a Copy of this minute, he being a member of our Society

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield ye 30th of the 12th Month 1784

The Account from the Preparative Meeting being presented Presented the Representatives therein Named are George Smith & Jonathan Mowry both present The Clerk being Absent. George Arnold is Appointed Clerk for the Day

The Comtee in the case of Moses Aldrich Report, An Essay of a Testimony of his Denial which After being Read was Approved of and Signed by the Clerk

A Certificate from the Monthly Meeting held At Falmouth for Sandwich Dated the 6th of 8th mo 1784 Recommending John Allen to the Care of this Meeting, Was Read & Accepted The Case of Laurance Southwick Coming again under ~~the~~ consideration, & Some Friends who have lately Visited him being Apprehensive that he is Impaird in his Understanding through old Age & Infirmity, thereupon this Meeting thot well to dismiss the former Comittee, & Appoint Joseph Comstock Wm Arnold George Arnold Nemiah Sprague & Walter Allen, to pay him another Visit & Inspect into that matter, & give him Such Advice as they may think Necessary, & Consider what Steps may be proper for this meetg to proceed in and Report to next Monthly Meeting

The Comittee to remove the Books &c report, that the Same Obstruction remains as at last Month, they Are still Continued to Accomplish the Same & report at Next Monthly Mtg

The Friends Appointed report, that the Marriage of Area Smith was Conducted in an orderly manner

The Comtee in the case of James Buffum report, that they think further Inspection necessary, therefore that matter is again referrd under the case of the Same Comtee, they desired to pay Attention to that matter, & Report to Next Monthly Meeting

The Committee of Men & Women to Visit Deborah Mowry Report, that they find Nothing to hinder her being Appointed to the place of an Elder; therefore She is Appointed Accordinly: And the Same is directed to be Inserted in the Account to the Quarterly Meeting

The Queries with Answers thereto was Read & Approved & Inserted in the Account to the Quarterly meeting which was Approved of & Signed by the Clerk, And forwarded by our Representatives therein Named who are, Rufus Smith Wm Buffum & Jonathan Mowry, they to Report to next Monthly Monthly Meetg to their attention to the Servic

A Certificate from Rhode Island Montly Meetg Recommending Hepsiba Buffum Wife of David to the care of this; as Also her Children therein Named who are Anna James & Alice Chace; which was read & Accepte

This Meeting Appoints Wm Buffum to Receive the Subscription made by the members of this Meetg towards the Yearly Meeting School, & forward the Same to the Meeting for Sufferings, And Report when Accomplised — David Mowry Clk

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At Our Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield 27 of 1 Mo 1785 The Representatives Appointed at the Preparative Meetg are, Robert Wilkinson and Zacheus Southwick both Present

The Epistle from the last Quarterly Meetg was Read in this to Satisfaction

And it being Recommend therein that the Several Monthly Meetings Contribute in their freedom towards the Building a Meeting House in Bedford, & making an Addition to that at Providence, & Send to the Quarterly Meetgs Treasurer, that matter is Referd to Next Monly Meeting

Also it is therein Recommended that the Monthly Meetings make Inspection into the Case of Such Friends as Neglect the due attendance of our Meetings, & Labour with such in Tenderness, & such as cannot be Reclaimed to testify against as Disorderly Walkers, that matter is Commited to the Overseers, & they are Specially Requested to give diligent Attention thereto

The Comtee one excepted who was Absent by Sickness in the case of Laurence Southwick Report, that they think best to wait longer on him And as to his Understanding they think it Nearly as it Used to be; That matter is refer'd Under the care of the Same Comtee to Our Meetg in the 4th Mo. Next and they then to Report —

The Comtee for Removing the Books &c: Report that they have fulfilled their Appointment —

The Comtee in the case of James Buffum Report that they have paid Attention to that matter, & think best it be Refer'd to our Next Monthly Meeting, it is refer'd Accordingly they then to report

One of the Representatives to last Quarterly Meeting the others being Now Absent by Indisposition & Sickness in family Report, that himself with one of the others Attended according to Appointment, & that Meeting was informed the other one was Not in a State of health Sufficient to give his Attendance —

The time of the Overseers Appointment being Now Elapsed they are Reappointed to that Service for the Year Ensuing; and Elisha Killey is now Appointed in Addition to the former Number; And the Overseers of Friends Poor are likewise Reappointed to their Respective Service for the Succeeding Year; and Seth Killey is Appointed to the former Number.

At Our Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield the 21th of the 2nd Month 1785 —

the Representatives Appointed at the Preparative Meeting Are Jabez Wing & James Harkness both Present —

The matter Refer'd from last Monthy Meetg Respecting the Meeting Houses it is Reccommended to the Preparative Meeting to Subscribe in their freedom & forward the Same to our Treasurer, and bring an Account to Next Monly Mtg

The Comtee in the Case of James Buffum Report in Writing, which was Not to the full Satisfaction of this Meeting, therefore that matter is Refer'd Under the care of the Same Comtee One Month, they then to Report, The Preparative Meeting Informd that Benjamin Wing Junr. is a keeping Company with One not of Our Society & doth not keep to the Plainneſs of Dreſs, for which he hath been Laboured with for his Recovery without the desired Effect, Therefore we Appoint George Smith Nemiah Sprague & Joſeph Comſtock to labour with him ~~for his~~ as Truth may Direct, for his Recovery, and Report to Next Monthly Meeting

The Preparative Meeting Also Informd that Caleb Arnold has Married out of the Order of Friends, & that the same Was carried on in a very precipitate manner Friends not knowing thereof till near the time, we also underſtand it to be with one not of Our Society, & Nearer of kin than Friends Approve of, near as first Cousins, for which he has been Laboured with without the desired Effect, therefore we Appoint Elisha Thornton Thomas Holder & Benjamin Pearce to labour with him for his recovery as Wisdom may Direct, & Report their Sense to Next Monthly Meeting

A Certificate from this to Greenwich Monthly Meetg Recommendin Joſhua Rathbon to their care & Overſight, which was Signed by the Clerk, & sent to the Women & there Signed And Returnd

George Arnold is Appointed to Aſsist a Comtee of Women Friends in preparing a Certificate for Elisabeth Mann & Family.

Elisha Killey is Appointed to Read or cause the Reading The Testimony ~~of Denial~~ Moses Aldrich Donial at a close of a Meeting at Mendon & Report to Next Monthily Meeting

This Meeting thinking well to name Wm Buffum Robert Wilkinson, Do Allen, & George Arnold, to conſider who May be Suitable to name to this Meetg for Clerk, & to treat with him thereon & Report to Next Monthly Meeting

The time for which the preſent Clerk was Appointed for being Expird An Addition to the Auditors Seeming Neceſsary we Appoint Walter Allen in Addition to thoſe in the former Appointment

At our Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield
ye 31th of ye 3 Month 1785.
The Representatives Appointed at the Preparative Meeting
are Rufus Smith & Seth Killey both present.

The Committee Appointed to propose who might be Suitable
for a Clerk, Report they think well George Arnold be Appointed
for the present year, Also Walter Allen an Assistant to assist
the Clerk, And they are Appointed accordingly—

The Comtee in the Case of James Buffum, Report that they think
well that matter be referr'd three months, therefore it is refered
accordingly under the Care of the same Comtee they then to
Report; or Sooner if ready—

The Comtee to labour with Benjn Wing Junr Report
that they visited him and found him in Somewhat of an Insensible
State of mind and not Disposed to make Friends Satisfaction
for his out goings, and this meeting taking the matter into
Consideration think will to Disown unity with him as a member &
put him accordingly from under the Care of Friends as Such;
And appoint George Comstock and Nehemiah Sprague to
inform him of his Denial & right of appeal and draw a testimony
of his Denial and report to next monthly Meeting—

The Comtee to Labour with Caleb Arnold Report
that they have paid him a visit & dont find him in a State
Suitable to make friends Satisfaction for his outgoings, whereupon
this Meeting Disowns Unity with him as a member & puts him from
under our Care as such; and appoints Robert Wilkinson & David
Mowry to inform him of his Denial and right of appeal &
Draw a Testimony of his Denial and report to next Monthly Meeting.

A Certificate Directed to the Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge recommending Elisabeth Man & Children to the Care of
that meeting was read approved of & Signed by the Clerk,
the names of the Children are Lucretia Anna & Asa mann

Elisha Killey informs that he has not read the Testimony of Moses
Aldrich's Denial. he is Still Continued to read the same & Report not Exceeding
two Months—

This Meeting is informed by way of the Preparative Meeting that Moses Aldrich Junr has been much in the neglect of Plainness of Speech & apparel, and is in the practice of frequenting taverns & Drinking to Excess, using of bad Language attending huskings & horse racings, thereupon this Meeting appoints Elisha Thornton & Rufus Smith to Labour with him for his recovery & report to next Mothly Meeting

The Preparative meeting informs that they have refered the raising of money for Building the Meeting houses heretofore mentioned to next month, they Still Desired to Subscribe and Send an Acct to next Monthly Meeting; as also to Subscribe in freedom for the Use of the Monthly Meeting.

This Meeting Recd a Certificate from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting Recommending Edward Southwick & family to our Care and this Meeting taking that matter under Consideration do appoint Wm Buffum Daniel Allen Rufus Smith & David Mowry to visit the Family & report what they think best to be done in that case to next Monthly Meeting

Chad Smith returned the Certificate from Swansey Monthly Meeting with an indorsement thereon from that meeting Signifying his Conduct was to Satisfaction while amongst them

The Queries with Answers thereto was read & approved of And Inserted in the Account to the Quarterly Meeting which was also approved of and Signed by the Clerk, and forwarded by our Representatives therein Named, who are Rufus Smith Jonathan Mowry, & Wm Buffum they Desired to report their attention to Said Service to next Monthly Meeting

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield the 28th of the 4th Month 1785

The Representatives appointed by the Preparative Meeting are Daniel Allen & Abel Bartlet both present

Recd the Epiſtle from the laſt Quarterly Meeting which was read to Satiſfaction

The Friends appointed Report that they have informed Benjn Wing Junr of his Denial and right of appeal and alſo preſented an Eſsay of a Teſtimony of his Denial which after being read with some alteration was approved of & Signed by the Clerk.

The Comtee appointed, Report that they have informed Caleb Arnold according to Appointment, alſo preſented a Teſtimony of his Denial which being read with some alterations was approved of and Sign'd by the Clerk.

The Comtee to Labour with Moſes Aldrich Junr Report, that they have uſed their Endeavours but have not been able to have an Opportunity with him therefore they are still Continued to pay him a viſit & Report to next Monthly Meeting

The Comtee appointed Report, that they have made a Viſit to Edward Southwick & Family & find them in low Circumſtances and in preſent want of Aſsiſtance therefore they are Continued to lay the Circumſtances of the Family before Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in order for their Choice whether they had their Supply themſelves or by the Direction of this Meeting & Report to next Monthly Meeting

The Friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended Said Service.,

Part of the Comtee in the Case of Laurence Southwick report that he has put out one of his Children on trial and propoſes to put out more in Case Suitable places may be found, & that they think best the Comtee be Diſmiſs'd. And the overſeers of the poor Directed to take the neceſsary care in reſpect to placing out said Children, and alſo to Furnish them with such Supplies of the necessaries of life as they after Comparing every Cir=cumstance may think best therefore the Com^{tee} is Dismissed and the overseers Directed to take the Necessary Care therein —

The Preparative Meeting informs that Thomas Holder Proposes Removing to Bolton & Desires Friends advice therein; therefore Jabez Wing George Smith and Joseph Comstock are appointed to treat with him & give him such advice as may to them appear Best, & report to next Monthly Meeting. —

Benjamin Pierce Annanias Mowry George Arnold & Daniel Allen are appointed to join the Women's Com^{tee} in a Visit to Elenor Jenckes & report to next Monthly Meeting — —

This Meeting appoints Nehemiah Sprague an overseer of the Poor in addition to those heretofore appointed — — — —

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield the 26th of the 5th Mo 1785 —

The Meeting being Convened the representatives appointed by the Preparative Meeting are George Comstock & George Smith both present —

The Com^{tee} in the Case of Moses Aldrich Jun^{r} Report that altho they have used some Endeavours they have not had an opportunity with him therefore they are still Continued to visit him & Report to next Monthly Meeting —

One of the Com^{tee} in the Case of Edward Southwick Report, that they laid the matter before Uxbridge monthly Meeting as Directed & that said meeting Directed their overseers to take Charge of said Family —

The Comtee in the Case of Thomas Holder Report that they have had an opportunity with him & find that some of his Affairs are not so fubly setled as would be best therefore said Comtee is Continued to Assist him therein & Elisha Thornton is aded to said Comtee they to report to next Monthly Meeting —

The Comtee in the Case of Elinor Jencks report that they have not had an opportunity with her, therefore they Are Continued for that Service & report to next monthly Meeting —

The preparative Meeting reports that they have raised for the use of the Monthly Meeting four pounds thirteen Shillings — — —

Elisha Thornton reports that the Testimony of Moses Aldrich was read as Directed by this Meeting.

Our Friend Abel Thomas attended this Meeting and Produced a Certificate from Exetor Monthly Meeting held at Maiden Creek in pensylvania Dated the Thirtyeth Day of the third month 1785 which together with his Service amongus was to good Satisfaction; and an Indorcement on said Certificate was approved of & Signed by the Clerk —

The Monthly Meetings audit presented a report in writing which is accepted and is as follows —

Smithfield ye 15 of ye 5 Month 1785 —

We have this day Audited the Accounts of Wm Buffum as Monthly Meeting's Treasurer, and find A ballance of Fourteen Shillings and four pence Due to him, we also Find on the Treasurer's Book, that Providence Monthly Meeting is one Pound Seven Shillings And Eleven pence deficient of paying their proportion for the Support of Lawrence Southwick's Family already paid by Smithfield Monthly Meeting, there are also Accounts Audited for the Support of said Family that remains unpaid to the Amount of

Jabez Wing
Rufus Smith } Auditors
Walter Allen

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and

And the Clerk is desired to forward a Copy of the Report to Providence Monthly Meeting & Report to next Monly Meeting.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield ye 30th of the 6th month 1785. —

The Meeting being convened the Repreſentatives appointed by the preparative meeting are Seth Killey & Richard Eſtes both preſent —

The Comtee in the Caſe of Moſes Aldrich Junr Report that Altho Endeavours have been uſed they have not had an opportunity with him, having diſcovered a Diſpoſition to shun an opportunity with them, and this Meeting taking the matter into Conſideration do Diſown Unity with him as a member & put him from under the Care of Friends as such, and appoint George Smith & George Arnold to inform him of his Denial & right of appeal & report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Comtee in the Caſe of Thomas Holder report that they have paid attention to that matter, and that the Difficulties attending his affairs is not fully setled therefore the Comtee is still Continued to Aſsiſt him therein & report to next monthly Meeting

The Comtee in the case of Elenor Jencks report, that they have not had an opportunity with her, she not meeting them at the time appointed therefore they are Continued to viſit her & report to next Monthly Meeting.

George Arnold reports that he has forwarded to Providence Monthly Meeting a Copy of the minute made on the report of the Monthly Meetings audit at last Month.

Walter Allen is appointed to read the Teſtimony of Denial against Caleb Arnold at the Cloſe of a Publick Meeting at this houſe and Report to next Monthly Meeting

The Preparative meeting informing that Enos Mowry Deſires a few lines to Uxbridge monthly meeting setting forth his Clearneſs in reſpect to marriage Engagements, therefore Joseph Buffum & Jonathan Mowry are appointed to treat with him upon the Subject & if nothing appears as an objection to Draw a few lines by way of Certificate and report to next monthly Meeting

The Preparative Meeting also informs that they have Paid and Delivered to the Treasurer the Sum of one Pound Eleven Shillings & Eight pence, and a farther Subscription being Necessary the Preparative meeting is Desired to Subscribe in freedom & send an Account to the next Monthly Meeting ——

The Comtee in the Case of James Buffum report in writing, but as friends understand the report not alike the matter is refered one Month & the Comtee Desired then to report — — — — — —

The Queries with Answers there to was read in this meeting and said answers approved & Inserted in the account to the Quarterly Meeting which was approved of and Signed by the Clerk, & forwarded by our Representatives therein named who are Seth Kelley Benedict Remington & Benjn Peirce they Desired to report their attention to said Service to next monthly meeting — — — — — —

George Comstock & George Arnold are appointed to make the Necessary Provision for horsekeeping During the next Quarterly Meeting & procure a person to attend on Said horses during said time & report to next monthly Meetg

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield the 28th of the 7th Mo 1785

The Meeting being Convened the Representatives appointed by the Preparative Meeting are Joseph Comstock & Joseph Buffum both present

The Comtee to inform Moses Aldrich Junr of his Denial & right of appeal report that they have not had an opportunity to inform him; they are Still Continued for that Service & report when accomplished.

The Comtee in the Case of Thomas Holden report

Report that the Difficulties respecting his Affairs are not fully Setled; they are Still Continued for that Service & report to next Monthly Meeting

Walter Allen reports that he has read the Testimony of Caleb Arnolds Denial as Directed

The Friends appointed, presented a few lines by way of Certificate in favour of Enos Mowry Directed to the Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge Seting forth his Clearness in respect to Marriage Engagements amongst us which was approved of and Signed by the Clerk

Some of the Comtee in the Case of James Buffum inform that they are not fully ready to report, they are Still Continued, to report at next Monthly Meeting

The Friends appointed to assist the Women's Comtee in a visit to Elenor Jencks report that they have paid her a visit in Company with said Comtee & The Women's Meeting informing that they have Concluded to put her from under their care as a member; & this Meeting after Considering the Case approve thereof.

The Friends appointed report that they all attended the Quarterly Meeting as Directed.

The Friends appointed to provide horse keeping &c. for the Quarterly Meeting inform that they are not ready to report; they are Desired to report when ready.

Israel Chace return'd the Certificate which this Meeting gave him Directed to the Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge with an Indorcement thereon Signifying his being a member of that Meeting, which was read and Accepted

This Meeting Recd a Copy of a minute from the Quarterly Meeting as follows (viz) The Comtee continued to further

Consider of the matter which came up in the Account from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting made the following Report viz.) ——— To the Quarterly Meetg now Sitting

We of the Comtee appointed to consider of the matter brought from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting respecting an equitable and reputable way to defray the Expences of such Friends as shall Accompany public Friends &c

We think it may be best, that each Monthly Meeting appoint two or more suitable Friends, whose care it shall be, to see that such Friends as come Amongst us on a religious visit, have suitable Companions provided to accompany them when they leave our Quarter until they get amongst Friends of Another Quarter or otherwise as the circumstances may require; And that the sd Friends so appointed when necessary may present an Account of the Expences to their respective Monthly Meeting; the Monthly Meeting approving and allowing the Same, said Meeting has liberty to lay the same before the Quarterly Meeting or an Audit which they may appoint for that Service for their approbation and if approved of the Treasurer be directed to reimburse said Monthly Meeting.

Smithfield 8th 7th Mo 1785

Thomas Hazard
Paul Greene
David Harriman
Danl Anthony
Jacob Mott
Jonathan Mowry

Which is Adopted by this Meetg and the Clerk is directed to send a Copy of this Minute to each Monthly Meeting

An Extract from the Minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meetg held at Smithfield the 7th & 8th of the 7th Mo 1785 ———

Wm Almy Clerk

Compar'd by ———

whereupon this meeting agreeable thereto appoints George Comstock, Wm Buffum & Ananias Mowry for the Service therein Directed. ———

This Meeting recd a Minute from the Quarterly Meeting respecting forwarding our Subscription for the Meeting house at Bedford; which is refered for the Consideration of next Monthly Meeting ——

This Meeting Recd information from the Meeting for Sufferings that there was room for this Meeting to send to the Yearly Meeting School one Child of the first Class of the Poor of Society whose Board will be paid out of the Fund; therefore the Overseers of the Poor are Directed to take under Consideration which Child in their Judgement may be best to send to said School & report to next Monthly Meeting as also to Estimate the Number of Poor Children belonging to this Meeting.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield ye 25th of the 8th Mo. 1785 ——

The Meeting being Convened the Representatives appointed by the Preparative Meeting are Benjamin Phetiplace & Joseph Cook both present. ——

George Smith reports that he has informed Moses Aldrich Junr of his Denial & right of appeal. ——

Some of the Comtee in the Case of Thos. Harder inform that they have not had an opportunity with him since last Month; therefore they are still Continued to attend to that matter & report to next Monthly Meeting ——

The Comtee in the case of James Buffum Report in writing; that they have inspected into the Circumstances attending that matter, & from the Circumstances that have appeared they rather think it likelyest that he is not the Father of the Child laid to his Charge, but as the Comtee intimated that there was Several other parts of James's Conduct that needed inspecting into therefore the Comtee is Dismissd & the Overseers Desired to take Charge of the matter and proceed therein as may to them appear best. ——

George Comſtock reports a Bill of Expence ariſing from his Proviſion for horſe keeping &c at the time of the laſt Quarterly meeting to the Amount of £3"14"5, which Sum the Monthly Meeting's Treaſurer is Deſired to pay him.

The matter of the Subſcription for defraying the Expences for Building the Meeting House at Bedford Coming again under Conſideration, The Preparative Meeting is Deſired to Subſcribe in freedom & Send an Acct. to next Monthly Meeting, as alſo for the Meeting houſe at Providence.

A Certificate recommending George Briggs to our Care from the Monthly Meeting of Swanſey was read & Accepted bearing date 1st of 8th Mo. 1785.

Alſo a Certificate from Rhode Iſland Monthly Meetg bearing date 26th of 7th Mo. 1785 recommending Richard Barker to the care of this Meeting was read & Accepted.

The overſeers of the poor Deſire that the matter Committed to their care laſt Month be refered one Month which is refered Accordingly they to report at next Monthly Meeting.

The Preparative Meeting in their Account inform that they have raiſed £7"13"4 Towards the nine pounds Due to Uxbridge Monthly Meeting from this which the Treaſurer is Deſired to pay.

Agreeable to the direction of the Quarterly Meeting this Meeting Deſires the Preparative Meeting to raiſe £10"10 & send an Acct. to the Monthly Meeting, it being our proportion of the Quarterly & yearly Meeting Stock.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 29th of 9 Mo. 1785 — The account from the Preparative Meeting being produced the Repreſentatives therein named are Benjamin Theleplace and James Harkneſs, both preſent.

The Clerk being abſent at this Time George Comſtock is appointed to Supply his place to day:

The Preparative Meeting inform that Thomas Greene had Requested to be taken under the Care of Friends, and he appearing in this Meeting, and Continuing his

his Request accordingly. Rufus Smith Ananias Mowry Jonathan Mowry & Elisha Thornton are appointed to take a Solid Opportunity with him, Upon the Motives of his Request and the Suitableness of his being Admitted a Member in Society, and make Report to our next Meetg

The Comtee in the case of Thomas Holder produced a paper from the Person his Misunderstanding was with Acknowledging that the Matter was settled to Satisfaction, and they also inform that on Inspection they find Nothing to hinder his having a Certificate to Uxbridge Monthly Meetg Agreeable to his Request, Wm Buffum & Wm Arnold are appointed to join with a Comtee of Women Friends in preparing One for himself, Wife and Family and bring to next Monthly Meetg.

The Women inform that they have Accepted Thankful And Elles Sprague Daughters of Elias Sprague and Marcy his Wife as Members of Society.

The Overseers of the Poor inform that there are three Poor Children under the Care of this and Providence Monthly Meeting and that one of them is preparing to go to the Yearly Meeting's School And another is at present placed out for Tryal, and the Overseers are to Continue their Care in helping forward the one desired for the School

The Preparative Meeting inform that that Meetg was informed by the Overseers that Liven Bartlet is keeping Company with One not of our Society and near of kin as first Cousins, and both attended Husking's, Seldom attended Meetings for Worship and More seldom those for Discipline, and has not kept to plainness in Speech or Apparel, Whereupon Seth Kelley, Benjn Pierce Zacheus Southwick and George Smith are appointed to visit him and as Ability may be afforded to Endeavour to shew him the Errors of his ways and make Report of their Labour and the Disposition of his mind to next Monthly Meeting

The Preparative Meeting inform that they rais'd and Deliver'd the Treasurer £1..0..0 and began a Subscription for the Quarterly Meeting's Stock But as there is no Account of any thing being done for defraying the Expence of building Bedford and Providence Meeting Houses; that Meeting is directed to send an Account of its Procedure therein to next Monthly Meeting.

The Queries were read in this Meeting with Answers thereto Composed at last Preparative Meeting, which being approved of were Inserted in an Account to the Quarterly Meeting, and sent by our Representatives to that Meetg who are Rufus Smith, Benjn Pearce & Daniel Allen.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield the 27th of ye 10th Mo 1785

The Meeting being Convened the Representatives Appointed by the Preparative Meeting are Annanias Mowry & Daniel Allen both present

The Comtee appointed to have an Opportunity with Thomas Greene Report, that they have paid him a visit & dont find any thing to hinder his being admitted a Member of this Meeting; which after being Deliberated on And having the Concurrence of the Womens Meeting do Conclude to Receive him a member of said Meeting & he is Received Accordingly

This Meeting appoints George Comstock to read the Testimony of Benjn Wing Junr Denial at the Close of a Publick Meeting at this house and report to next Monthly Meeting

The Comtee to Draw a Certificate for Thomas Holder and Family not producing one by reason of one of the Comtee being absent who had the care of it; therefore they are Desired to produce a Certificate at next Monthly Meeting.

The Comtee in the Case of Liven Bartlet report, that they Desire the matter may be Continued one Month which is Continued & the Comtee Desired to Report at next Monthly Meeting.

The Preparative Meeting not having sent an Account of Raising money towards Defraying the Charges of Bedford And Providence meeting house as Desired by last Monthly Meeting; said meeting is Desired to Subscribe in freedom & Send an Account to next Monthly Meeting.

The Preparative meeting informed that they have Raised & Delivered to the Treasurer £5"7"2

The Representatives inform that they all attended the Quarterly Meeting Except Daniel Allen who gave Satisfactory reasons for his absence

This Meeting taking under Consideration the Smallness and weak State of mendon meeting, appoints Jonathan Mowry David Buffum Ananias Mowry Robert Wilkinson, with such as the Women may appoint to visit Said Meeting from time to time as to them may appear Necessary & report the State of Said meeting, as to them it doth appear; not Exceeding two months.

This Meeting rec.d the Book of Discipline with the following Letter from the Meeting for Sufferings

The Book of Discipline being Printed and ready for the use of the Society: We herewith send one to each Monthly Meeting, And it being thought best that the Womens as well as the Mens Preparative and Monthly Meeting be furnished with a Copy. Three Books more will be forwarded when they are bound. It may be observ'd by the Preface, that the Book tho' printed is not intended to become publick; Friends therefore will consider it in the same light, as the former Manuscript Book of Discipline ——— As there are more Copies Printed than is propos'd to be sent, if any

Monthly Meeting inclines to have more by ſending up Seven Shillings and Six pence for each being about the coſt, they may receive them — The properly goverment and direction of the Books are to be in Monthly Meetings, yet there will be no objection to the Meetings lending them to ſuch Friends as may be inſtrumental in furniſhing the Meetings with Money to buy them, or to others, for ſuch time as the Meetings may think it ſafe, the name of the Monthly Meeting being firſt inſerted in the Title Page —— And as the Money is wanted to pay the Expence of them, Friends are deſired to ſend up their proportion of the Yearly Meetg. Stock as ſoon as may be ——

Signed in & on behalf of the Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 12th of the 9th Mo. 1785

by Thos. Arnold Clerk

David Mowry the former Clerk informed this Meeting that the Book and papers belonging to this Meeting were ready to Deliver to the preſent Clerk; he is Deſired to Deliver them Accordingly And Report at next Monthly Meeting

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield the 24th of the 11th Mo. 1785

The Meeting being Convened the Repreſentatives appointed by the Preparative Meeting are, George Comſtock & Wm. Buffum both preſent — George Comſtock inform that he has not read the Teſtimony of Benjm. Wing Junr.

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Denial according to Appointment; he is still desired to read the Same & Report to next Monthly Meeting ——

The Comtee to draw a Certificate for Thomas Holder Wife & Children whose names are Phebe Hannah & Joseph; Produced one directed to the Monthly Meetg of Uxbridge; which after being read was Approved of and Signed by the Clerk ——

One of the Comtee on behalf of the whole in the Case of Liven Bartlet report, that they have had an opportunity with him, & find him in a State of mind not suitable to make Friends Satisfaction, but rather Endeavours to justify his Conduct, & seems determined to persist therein therefore this Meeting after weightily Considering the matter do Disown Unity with him as a member, & put him from under the Care of Friends as such; & George Arnold And Walter Allen are Appointed to inform him of his Denial & right of appeal and Draw a Testimony of his Denial and report to next Monthly Meeting ——

David Mowry Reports that he has Delivered the Book & papers to the present Clerk as desired at last Monthly Meeting. —— - - - - - -

The Preparative Meeting in their Account inform that Woodbury Comstock proposes to lay his intentions of Marriage with Hannah Read Junr before this Meetg— he having Produced a Certificate of Concurrence therein from the Monthly Meeting of Providence; as also Consent of Parents; & they Appearing in this Meeting & Declaring their intentions of taking each Other in Marrige were refered to next Monthly Meeting for an Answer,

The Preparative Meeting in their Account inform that they raisd & Delivered the Treasurer £ 3"2"6—

The Certificate on behalf of Thomas Holder not mentioning
his apprentice Daniel Southwick therefore the Same
Friends that were appointed to draw his Certificate are
Desired to draw a few lines on Said Daniel's behalf and
Report at next Monthly Meeting —

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield
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1785 the 29th of the 12th Mo: 1785 —

The Meeting being convened the Representatives
Appointed by the Preparative Meeting are Rufus Smith
and Nehemiah Sprage both Present —

George Comstock reports that he has read
the Testimony of Benjamin Wing Junr. Denial as
Directed. — — —

The Friends to Inform Owen Bartlet
of his Denial &c not having fulfilled their appointment
they are desired to fulfil the same and report to next
Monthly Meeting —

Woodbury Comstock and Hannah Read Junr appeared
in this Meeting and Received their answer for Marriage
And George Arnold & Benedict Remington are appointed
to see the same Consummated & report at next Monthly
Meeting — — —

The Friends to draw a few lines on behalf of
Daniel Southwick not having fulfilled their appointment
their are desired to Compleat the same & report to
next Monthly Meeting —

This Meeting Rec'd a Minute from the Monthly
Meeting of Providence on behalf of Jonathan Congdon
Setting forth his being a member of that Meeting &
about to reside within the verge of this Monthly Meetg
for a few Months Said minute bearing date ye 28th of ye 12 Mo 1785
which was read & Accepted. — Also Rec'd a Minute on behalf of
Charles

Charles Comstock from the Monthly Meeting of East Greenwich bearing date ye 5th of ye 12th Mo 1785 — setting forth that he is a member of their Monthly Meetg And is about to reside within the verge of this Meeting for a few Months, which was read & Accepted

The Comtee appointed in the 10th mo. to Visit Mendon Meeting report that they have paid some Attention to that Service; and think well that a Comtee be still Continued, therefore the same friends are Continued for said Service as mentioned in their first appointment And report within four Months.

The Preparative Meeting in their Acct inform that they have raised & Delivered to the Treasurer £ 1"1"6 ——

The Preparative Meeting also Propose that this Meeting send a Certificate to the Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge on behalf of Ezekiel Fowler, therefore this Meetg appoints George Comstock Robert Wilkinson Jonathan Mowry & David Buffum to take the Necessary Care of that matter & report at next monthly Meeting as also the Case of Asa Hawksey remov'd to Providence

This Meeting recommends to the Preparative Meetg a Subscription in freedom towards the Support of the Poor And send an Account to next Monthly Meeting

This Meeting returned Richard Barkers Certificate to the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Rhode Island with an Indorcement thereon Signifying his being a Member of this Meeting and had now returnd to them again which was Signed by the Clerk ——

The Overseers of the Poor having informed this Meeting that they have Agreeable to the direction of this Meeting & the Liberty given by the Meeting for Sufferings Sent to the Yearly Meeting School Moses

Southwick a member of this Meeting one of the first Class of Poor of which this Meeting approves therefore the Clerk is Desired to send a Copy of this Minute to the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island ——

The Queries with Answers thereto Annexed were read and approved of and Inserted in an Account to the Quarterly Meeting which was approved of & Signed by the Clerk & sent by our Representatives therein Named who are Robert Wilkinson Nehemiah Sprague & Daniel Allen they to Report at next Monthly Meeting. ——

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At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield the 26th of the 1st Mo. 1786 ——

The Meeting being Convened the Representatives appointed by the Preparative Meeting are Jonathan Harry & Elisha Killy both present. ——

The Epistle from our last Quarterly Meeting held at Swansey was read in this to good Satisfaction ——

The Friends in the Case of Liven Bartlet Report that they have informed him and Produced a Testimony of his Denial which after being read was approved of and Signed by the Clerk. ——

The Friends appointed Report that they attended the Marriage of Woodbury Comstock & Hannah Read which was Conducted in an Orderly Manner ——

The Friends to draw a Certificate for Daniel Southwick Produced one Directed to the Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge which was read approved of & Signed by the Clerk. ——

The Friends appointed in the Caſe Ezekiel Fowler and Asa Hawksey not being ready to report they are Desired to report to next Monthly Meeting. ——

The Friends to attend the last Quarterly Meeting Report that they all attended as Directed.

The Preparative Meeting in their Account inform that Samuel Harkness Sometime past used Profane & ill Language & behaved Disorderly otherwise as they have been Credibly informed when he with others was mending the Road: as also Charged with throwing a Plank off the Branch Bridge which tho it looks probable is not yet so fully Authenticated as the former, most of which Charge he Denies, therefore this Meeting Appoints Joseph Comstock Daniel Allen Rufus Smith Jonathan Mowry & Thos. Greene to labour with him on them Accounts & Report at next Monthly Meeting.

The matter Respecting Reappointing Overseers And Overseer of the Poor, is Refered to next Monthly Meeting; the time for which they were Appointed being Elapsed, they are Continued to next Month.

The Preparative Meeting in their Account inform that they have began A Subscription According to the Recommendation of last Month.

At our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 23rd of the 2nd Mo. 1786.

The Meeting being Convened the Representatives appointed by the Preparative Meeting are Joseph Buffum and Seth Kelley, both present

The Comtee in the Case of Ebenezer Tory made report in writing which is Accepted and is as follows viz. – To the

Monthly Meeting next to be held at Smithfield –

We have Several times lately met with Ebenez
Story, upon the Subject of his Removal and present
Circumstances, and it appears upon Inspection that his
Affairs are in a Difficult Situation, and under Such
Embarrassments, that there seems hardly any way for
him to extricate himself from Succeeding Trouble and
Loss, with which he has suffered largely already, And some of his
Creditors complain much of Suffering by the Nonpaymen
of his Debts, by means of all which it is our sense that the
Testimony, Profession and Principle of Friends has and yet
does suffer great Reproach, and that these are the Effects of
his craving Disposition for an Abundance of this world, by his
launching into Business beyond his Ability to manage; contrary
to the advice of some friends, of which he in some small
Degree seems sensible as we have endeavoured to set before
him the Evil of these things — George Comstock

19th of ye 2nd Mo 1786 — Wm Buffum
Jonathan Mowry

And this Meeting taking the matter into weighty Consideration
and friends being sensibly affected with a belief that his present
Conduct is Inconsistant & Reproachful to Society & his
State of mind Such that it affords little or no Encouragemen
for further labour with him, therefore this Meeting
Disowns Unity with him as a member & puts him from
under the Care of Friends as Such — & Appoints George
Comstock Wm Buffum & Jonathan Mowry — to inform
him of his Denial and right of appeal & Draw a Testimony
of his Denial & Report to next Monthly Meeting

This Meeting adjourns to the fifth Day of next
week at the Close of the Meeting for worship —

The Meeting met according to adjournment the 2nd of ye 3rd month 1786

This Meeting gave a certificate on behalf of Ezekiel Fowler Wife & Daughter Ailce Fowler directed to the Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge Recommending them to their Care Signed by the Clerk & ſent to the Womens Meeting for their approbation ——

Alſo gave a Certificate on behalf of Asa Hawksey directted to the Monthly Meeting of Providence recommending him to their Care as a member Signed by the Clerk ——

The Committee in the caſe of Samuel Harkneſs inform that they have paid attention to that matter but not ready to Report, they are deſired to report at next Monthly Meeting ——

The matter of Reappointing Overſeers & overſeers of the Poor is again refered to the fifth month to which time the former Overſeers are Continued

This Meeting returned the Certificate brought by Charles Comſtock with an Indorſement thereon directed to the Monthly Meeting of Eaſt Greenwich Signed by the Clerk

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield the 30th of the 3rd Month 1786
The Meeting being Conveened the Repreſentatives appointed by the Preparetive Meeting are William Buffum and Chad Smith both preſent ——

The Committee to inform Ebenezer Tory &c not having fullfilld their Servis by reaſon of his place of reſidence being at a great diſtance they are deſired to fullfill the Same and report when accompliſhed

The Women informed at laſt Month that they had been Engaged in the matter of Ruth Reads Diſorderly Conduct and no objection appearing in their Meeting proposed to reſtore her to Unity again unleſs this meeting is diſsatiſfyd herewith; and this Meeting after weighing the matter and not being fulley Satiſfyed therewith do appoint Ananias Mowry Walter Allen Seth Kelley & Rufus Smith to viſit Said Ruth and Endeavour to feel after her ſtate of mind and attend to the Circumstances of Said Caſe as far as to them appears neceſsary & report to next Monthly Meeting

The Womens Meeting informs that they propoſe to accept of Matilda Butterworth under the care of Friends if this meeting has no objection thereto and this meeting finding no objection approoves thereof

The Committee in the Caſe of Samuel Harkneſs made Report in Writing which is accepted & is as follows viz; To the Monthly Meeting to be held at Smithfield the 30th of the 5th month 1786 We of the Committee in the Caſe of Samuel Harkneſs have had Several oppertunities with him and are of opinion that the Complaint brought by the Overſeers is as favourable as the nature of the Caſe Deſerves which we Submitt not feeling aney Endeucement to Labour aney farther

Joseph Comstock
Rufus Smith
Jonathan Mowry
Daniel Allen

And Thomas Green one of the above Comittee being neceſsarily abſent informed this Meeting in Writing his oppinion to the Same import

And this Meeting taking the matter in to Conſideration think well that the determination of this Meeting on Said Caſe be referred to next Monthly Meeting

The Preparative Meeting in their account inform that Laurence Southwick refuſes to Comply with the advice of the overſeers and the Overſeers of the Poor; agreable to the Encouragement he gave this Meeting laſt year and ſeveral times ſince in reſpect to placing out his Children; thereupon this Meeting appoints Joſeph Comſtock David Mowry Chad Smith George Comſtock & Daniel Allen to labour with him to bring him to a ſence of his miſconduct and report at next Monthly Meeting

The Preparative Meeting in their account inform that they raiſed and delivered to the Treaſurer £8:15:7 Alſo raiſed £2-2-10 towards defraying the Expences of Building the Meeting Houſes of Bedford & Providence which was Delivered to our Repreſentatives hereafter nam -to pay to them Meetings; in addition to which Sum our Treaſurer is Deſired to pay 7/ on behalf of this Meeting

The Queries with Anſwers thereto annexed were read approoved of and Inſerted in an account to the Quarterly Meeting which was approoved of & Signed by the Clerk and forwarded by our Repreſentatives therein named who are George Arnold George Smith & William Buffum; they to report at next Monthly Meeting

The time for which the preſent Clerk was appointed being Expired George Comſtock Jabe Wing & Elisha Thornton are appointed to conſider who may be ſuitable for a Clerk the Enſuing Year and treat with him upon the Subject and report at next monthly Meeting

This Meeting returned the Certificates brought by Woodbury Comſtock & Jonathan Congdon with Indorſements thereon directed to the Monthly Meeting of Providence Signed by the Clerk

Recorded by George Arnold Clerk

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smith
field the 27th of the 4th Mo 1786

The Meeting being Conveined the Representatives
appointed by the preparative Meeting are Richard
Estes & jacob Barker Both present.

The Committee to Consider who Might be Sutaible
for a Clerk to this Meetg Report that they have Concluded
on Walter Allen for that Service which being Satisfactory
to this Meetg he is appointed Clerk for the year insuing
And Chad Smith is appointed an assistant Clerk for the
Same

The same Committee is desired to see that the Books
and papers belonging to this Meeting are Removed from
the former to the present Clerk & Report at Next Monthly
Meetg

The Comtee in the Case of Ruth Peat Not being ready
to Report there judgment in that Matter the Same
is Referd to Next Monty Meetg they then to Report

The Matter Referd last Mo Respecting Samuel
Harkness is again Referd for the further Consideration
Of Next Monty Meetg at the Request of Some friends

The Committee in Case of Laurance Southwick Report
in Writing which is Accepted and is as follows (viz)

To the Monthly Meeting of Smithfield We accor
ding to appointment have Visited Laurence Southwick
And family and he appears to us to be in an
uncondescending Disposition Uttering Much Blame
on friends who have been Employed for his Releaf
Persisting in his past Conduct as being Right
Not being Clear of using Evasion and gave us Little
or no hopes of future amendment

Joseph Comstock
George Comstock
David Mowry
Daniel Allen
Chad Smith

And this Meeting taking the Matter into Conside-
ration and after Divers Satisfactory Remarks on Such
occations Manifested a Belief that it is best for this
Meeting to Disown unity with him as a Member of
our Society & he is Disowned Accordingly and Elisha
Thornton & Rufus Smith are appointed to inform him
of his Denial & Right of Appeal & Draw a testimony
of his Denial and Report at Next Monthly Meetg

The Preparative Meetg informed that
that Meeting Raised and Delivered the Treasurer
£ 0-15-10

This Meetg Recd the following information
from the Meetg for Sufferings together with a Coppy
of a Minute from the Quarterly Meetg the Consi-
deration of the Latter is Refered to our Next Meetg

This Meeting haven takein into weighty Consideration the Subject
of Making provision for holding the Next yearly meetg -
Also the State of the Treasury, it is our sence that it is
not adviseable to Make Provision for Entertainment as
of Late years; & the Monthly Meetg of Rhodeisland is
Desired to make such Provision for pastering of horses
as formerly; Nevertheless to Lay an account of the Expence
therof If they think proper before the Next yearly Meetg
And the Clerk is Directed to forward a Copy of this
minute to Each of the monthly Meetings in Rhode
Island Quarter —— a Copy of a Minute
of a meeting for Sufferings held at Providence
the 13th of the 3d Mo 1786
Extracted by Thomas Arnold Clke

This Meetg Recd a Copy of a Minute from Uxbridge
Monthly Meetg Recommending Jesse Battee to the Care of this Meetg
Which is accepted

The Committee that Stands Appointed to visit Mendon
Meetg not being Ready to Report at this time they
Are Desired to Report at our Next Meeting

This Meeting recommends to the Prepara-
=tive Meetg to Subscribe freely towards the Payment
of our just Debts as this Meeting appears to be much
Called upon therefor

At our Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Smithfield ye 25th 5th Mo 1786 the Meetg
being Conveined the Representatives appointed
By the Preparative Meetg are Gaberel Wing
& George Smith both Present

George Comstock Reports that the Books &
Papers Belonging to this meeting is Removed from
the former to the present Clerke

The Comttee in the Case of Ruth Read Not
being Ready to Report at this time, they are De-
=sired to pay attention to that matter & Report at Next
Monthly Meeting

The Women informed this Meetg that they
Propose to receive Elizabeth Jelson Wife of Wi
A Member of their Meetg [illegible] And this Meetg
Concuring therewith She is Recd Accordingly

The friend requesting a Continuance at Last
Month on the Case of Samuel Harkness appear-
=ing at this time to be fully Satisfied that it is
Best for this Meetg to Disolve Unity with him as a
Member of our Society And no other friend
objecting thereto he is Disowned accordingly
And George Arnold & Daniel Allen are
Appointed to inform him of his Denial and
Right of appeal, & Draw a Testimony of his Den-
=ial & Report at Next Monthly Meetg

The Matter of Reappointing Overseers & overseers of the poor is again Referd to Next Monthly Meetg

The Comtee Appointed to Visit Mendon Meetg Not being ready to Report, they are therefore Continued for that Service, and Desired to pay Attention to their appointment & Report at Next Monthly Meeting

One of the Comtee in the Case of Laurence Southwick Report that Sickness has prevented there fulfiling their Appointment therein, Where upon Jonathan Mowry is appointed in addition to that Comtee & they Desi to accomplish the same & Report at our Next Meetg

The Minute from the Last Quarterly Meeting Referd to this Month is as follows - And is Recommended to the preparative Meetg & friends Desired to Subscribe freely thereto

It having been represented to this Meeting by Providence Monthly Meetg in their account at Last Quarter, that their Comtee appointed to Audit the accounts for Building the Addition to the Meeting house at Providence had Reported that Beside their Subscribtion of 137 for that Purpose there Remains upwards of £150 Lawful Money which had been advanced by said Comtee & that their Meetg was Now Called upon for the same, And are not in a way at Present to discharge the Debt Which being taken into Consideration by this Meetg Providence Monthly Meeting is hereupon Desired to Continue there Endeavours to Discharge the Debt - And the Several Montly Meetgs are Likewise Desired to Subscribe in their freedom towards Making up the said Deficiency, and Send up their Subscriptions to said Providence Montly Meetg & an account thereof to this Meetg at Next Quarter, & the Clerk is Directed to Send to Each Montly Meetg a Coppy of this Minute Extracted from the Minutes of the Quarterly Meetg holden East Greenwich for Rhodeisland ye 13th 14th Day of ye 8th Mo 1786

Pr William Almy Clerk

Receivd a Coppy of a Minute from
Uxbridge Monthly Meetg on behalf of
Bernard fowler Which is accepted
The Preparative Meetg Inform that they
Raised & Deliverd to Seth Killey £1-17-10 for
part pay for Which this Meetg owes him
which was Indorsed on his Account

At our Monthly Meeting of
Friends held at Smithfield ye 29th 6th Mo 1786
The account from the Preparative Meetg being
I Produced the Representatives therein Named are
George Comstock & David Mowry
This Meetg is Informed that David Mowry is absent
through Indisposition of Body
the Comtee appointed to Inform Samuel Perkins
of his Denial & right of Appeal Report that they
have Informed him accordingly & Produced a
testimony of his Denial Which appearing to need
Some alteration, is Referd to that Comtee they
Desired to Make such Alteration as appears to
them Necessary and report at Next Monthly Meetg
And this Meeting being Informed that Samuel
Requests an appeal Which is granted him.. thereupon
Ananias Mowry Rufus Smith & george Comstock Are
Appointed to represent the State of Said Case to the Ensuing
Quarterly Meetg and Report at Next Monthly Meetg
And the Clerk is Directed to furnish them With Co
pies of the Proceedings of this Meeting towards him
The Committee on the Case of Ruth Read Made Report
Which Not being Acceptable to this Meeting they are there
fore Continued for that Service & Desired to take a
Solid opportunity With her: and Make Report to Next
Meeting — the Women Informed this Meeting that they
proposed to Disown Unity With Sarner Allen Now Wife
to Edward thompson as a member of our Society and this having
No objection thereto She is Disowned Accordingly

This Meeting Adjourns to the 5th Day of Next Week at the Close of the Meetg for Worship

The 6th of the 7th Mo 1786 Met according to Adjournment the Representatives both present

The Queries Were Read in this Meetg With answers thereto Composed at Last preparative meetg and by this Approved were Inserted in an account to the Quarterly Meetg Signed By the Clerk & forwarded by the Representatives therein Named Who are Rufus Smith Elisha Thornton And Walter Allen: And they Desired to Attend thereto And Report there Attendance to Next Monthly Meetg

The Subject of Reappointing overseers And overseers of the Poor is again Referd by reason of A matters being Committed to them Which they have Not as yet Completted

The Committee to Visit Mendon Meetg Not being Ready to Report at this time they Are Desired to Report at Next Monthly Meeting

The Comtee to Inform Laurence Southwick of his Denial and Right of appeal Report that he has been Informed According to appointment And Produced a testimony of Denial Which is Referd to Next Monthly Meetg by Reason of their being No Womens meeting at this time

Wm Buffum George Comstock George Arnold and Jona Mowry are appointed to Make the Necessary Provision for horse keeping, During the time of the Ensuing Quarterly Meeting, And Make Report to Next Monthly Meetg With an account of the Expences Arising therefrom

Agreable to the Recommendation of the Yearly Meetg In Respect to the Orderly Management of Burials And Our Burying grounds, We appoint our friends George Comstock Robert Wilkinson George Arnold And George Smith to take Care agreable thereto, And said Comtee is Directed to have the Care of the Meeting Houses & Burying Places

At our Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Smithfield ye 27th 7th Mo 1786 —

The account from the Preparative Meetg Being produced they Representatives therein Named are David Buffum & David Mowry Both present —

The Epistle from the Last Quarterly Meeting Was Read In this Meetg also the Epistle of the Last yearly Meeting on Rhodeisland to good Sattisfaction, also Receaved transcripts of Epistles from London Philadelphia & Long Island the reading Whereof is Refered to Next Montly Meetg —

The Comtee Not having fulfiled their Appointment In the Alterration of Samuel Harkness Denial, they are Desired to fulfil the Same and Report At Next Montly Meetg —

The Comtee appointed to Inform the Quarterly Meetg Report that Saml Withdrew his Appeal —

The Comtee In the Case of Ruth Read report in Writing Which is accepted and is as follows Viz to the Monthly Meeting Next to be held at Smithfield According to appointment We have again Visited Ruth Read and as Ability Was Afforded Endeavoured to feel after the Sincerity of her mind & believe She is measurably Engaged to Do well, & are of the Oppinion Considering all Circumstances that it is best to Continue her under our Care, Which We Submit

9 7th Mo 1786 —

Rufus Smith
Seth Kelly
Ananias Mowry
Walter Allen —

The Women Presented a testimony of Denial against Tamer Thompson Wife to Edward And this Meeting Approving thereof the Same is Returned for their Disposal

The Representatives Report that they Attended the Quarterly Meeting Agreable to Appointment

The Overseers Inform that they have Further Inspected Into the Matters Concerning James Buffum And as Circumstances are think best to Make no further Complaint against him, Whereupon this Meeting thinks Best to Discontinue any further Inspection, and that he Remain under friends Care, And as James for Some time past has Resided Within the Verge of Uxbridge Monly Meeting our Friends Rufus Smith & George Arnold are Appointed to Enquire Into his present Circumstances And Suitableness of his having a Certificate to that Meeting, And If No Objection appear Report an Essay of one to Next Monly Meeting

The Comtee to Visit Mendon Meetg Not being Ready to Report they are Desired to Report not Exceeding Two months

The Preparative Meetg Inform that Robert Wilkinson Requested the Care of friends for his Son David, Whereupon Joseph Comstock Athamas Mowry And Seth Kelly are appointed to take a Solid opportunity In the family & Endeavour to feel after the Suitableness of the Requests being granted And Report at Next Monly Meetg

The Preparative Meetg also Inform that it is Proposed By a Message from the Select Meeting that Elisha Thornton be Recommended as a Minister And this Meeting taking the Matter Into Consideration Do appoint Jonathan Mowry Robert Wilkinson Daniel Allen Joseph Comstock & George Arnold to Make Inspection If any objection thereto, And Report at Next Monly Meetg

The Committee to Make Provision for horse keeping for the Last Quarterly Meetg Report that Provision was Made Accordingly But the Account of Expences Not Being Ready they are Desired to accomplish the Same and Report at Next Monly Meetg

The Reappointment of overseers and Overseers of the poor is again Refered to our Next Mon'ly Meet'g

The Com'tee again Presented a Testimony of Lawrence Southwicks Denial Which was by this And the Womens Meeting Approved off and Signed by the Clerk

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 31st of the 8th Mo 1786

The Meeting being Convinced the Representatives Appointed by the preparative Meeting Are George Smith & Elisha Thornton

The Com'tee Produced a testimony of Samuel Harkness Denial Which was by this And the Womens Meeting Approved off & Signed by the Clerk

The Com'tee to take an opportunity in Robert Wilkinsons Family on account of his Request For his Son David Report, that they have paid Attention thereto, and find Nothing to hinder the Requests being Granted Which Report being Satisfactory to this Meeting And the Womens Mon'ly Meet'g having no objection thereto, the Child is Accordingly Rec'd under Friends Care

The Friends Appointed in the case of Elisha Thornton Make Report that they have attended to the Service of their appointment, & find no objection against Elishas being Recommended to the Quarterly Meeting as a minister, & this Meeting And the Mon'ly Meet'g of Women having Unity therewith do Conclude to Inform the Next Quarterly Meeting thereof

The Account of the Quarterly Meet'g Expences Not being Ready to Report at this time is Refered to next Mon'ly Meet'g The Subject of a New Choice Of overseers Coming again under the Consideration of this Meet'g, our friends Benedict Remington Jabez Wing, Seth Kelly George Arnold & Ananias Mowry Are proposed for that Service the ensuing year, the Consideration and Disposal thereof is Refered to Next Mon'ly Meeting

Also a New Choice of Overseers of ~~the~~ Friends Poor Appearing at this time Necessary Do Appoint our Friends Wm. Buffum David Mowry Nehemiah Sprague And Elisha Kelly to act in that Capacity the Succeeding year —

The Committee appointed to Enquire Into the Circumstances and Sutableness of James Buffum having a Certificate to Uxbridge Monthly Meetg Make Report that they think best he has one to that Meetg And this Meetg having Unity therewith, a Certificate Was prepared Approved off and Signed by the Clerke —

Our Friend Robert Willis Attended this Meeting With a Certifictae from Rahway Monthly Meetg Bearing Date ye 18th 5th Mo 1786 Was Read In this Meetg Which Together With his Company and Service herein is to Us truly Acceptable —

The Preparative Meeting inform that they Raised And Deliverd the treasurer £5=11=0

Transcrips of the London Philadelphia And Long Island Epistles Was Read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction —

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At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfild the 28th 9th Mo 1786

The Account from the Preparative Meeting Being Presented the Representatives therein appointed are Thomas Greene And Benedic Remington both Present

One of the Comtee Report that an Account of the Expences of Last Quarterly Meetg is Not Ready to present to this Meeting at this time they are Desired to accomplish the Same and Report at Next Monthly Meeting

Most of the Friends proposed for Overseers Last Month Desires to be Excused from that Service, And it Appearing Not Necessary to have So Many Under that appointment this Meeting Appoints

Seth Kelly George Arnold & Daniel Allen
Overseers for the Ensuing year, or untill they
Are Dismised or others appointed in their stead

The Comittee Not being Ready to Report the State of Mendon Meeting at this time, they Are therefore Desired to give Genaral Attention to there Appointment and Make Report in Writing to Next Monthly Meeting

The Queries And Answers from the Preparative Meeting Were Read in this Meeting And the Answers Approved off And inserted in an account to the Quarterly Meeting Signed by the Clerk And Committed to our Representative therein Named Who Are Robert Wilkinson Jonathan Mowry Jabez Wing And Daniel Allen, And they Desired to Attend to their Appointment And Report at Next Monly Meeting

Chad Smith is Appointed to Read The Testimony of Denial against Saml Harkness at the Close of a Publick Meeting at this house, And Report at Next Monthly Meeting

The Preparative Meeting inform that they Raised and Dlivered the Treasurer £ 6=13=11

This Meeting Returned a Coppy of a Minute brought by Bernard Fowler With a few Lines indorsed thereon And Directed to Uxbridge Monly Meetg And Signd by the Clerk

Elisha Kelly is appointed to Read the Testimony Laurence Southwiks Denial at the Close of Publick Meeting at Mendon and Report at Next Monly Meeting

Walter Allen Clerke

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 26th 10th Mo 1786

The account from the preparative Meeting being produced the Representatives therein Named are Zaccheus Southwick and Robert Wilkinson Both present

Our friend John Townsend attended this Meeting With a Certificate from the monthly meetg of Devonshire house in London, dated ye 5th 4th Mo 1786 Expressing their Unity With him as a minister & of his proposed Visit to Friends in America, With a Concuring Indorsment thereon from the Quarterly meeting of Said Devonshire house held the 11th of the Same, also a Certificate from the yearly meeting of ministers and Elders in London, all Which Were Read in this meetg Which together With his Company & Service herein is to our Sattisfaction, ~~and~~ George Comstock & William Buffum Are appointed to ~~prepare~~ Prepare a Certificate on his Behalf And Report at Next monthly Meeting

Recd the Epistle from the Last Quarterly Meetg Which Was Read in this to good Sattisfaction, And is thought Best to Consider the advices therein Contained at Next Monthy Meetg, also Recd a Coppy of a minute from that Meetg Desiring this Meetg to Lend Some assistance in Defraying the Expences of Bedford Meeting house, Which is Referd for the Consideration Of Next Monthly meeting

The Womens Monthly Meeting Exhibited to this a paper of acknowledgment from Amy Silvester Condeming her past Conduct Which Was Sattisfactory to this Meetg and She Continued under frds Care

Account of the Quarterly Meetgs Expences Not being present the Same is Referd to Next Montly Meetg

The Comtee to Visit Mendon Meetg Desires that there Report Be Referd to Next Monthily Meetg Which is Referd accordingly they then to Report

Whereas Uxbridge Monthly meeting Returned
to this a Certificate Recommending James Buffum
to their Care, with Reasons Assigned by a letter from
that Meeting, Whereupon Elisha Thornton Jonathan
Mowry and Walter Allen are appointed to treat with
James And frinds of that Meetg And Endeavour to
Reconcile the Matter and Report at Next Monthly Meetg

The Representatives appointed to attend the
Quarterly meeting Report they Attended accordingly

Chad Smith Reports that he has Read the
Testimony of Samuel Starkness, Denial Agreable
to appointment

This Meeting is Informed that the Testimony of
Lawrence Southwick's Denial Was Read as Directed

The Preparative Meeting in their account Inform
That that meeting Raised and Delivered Wm Buffum as Treasurer for the Monthly Meeting £ 2-19-8

This Meeting Received a Coppy of a
minute Brought By Jessa Battee from Uxbridge
Monthly Meetg With a few Lines Endorsed thereon
And Directed to S Meetg & Signed By the Clerke

At our Monthly meeting of Friends held
at Smithfield ye 30th 1st Month 1786 the account from
the Preparative Meeting being presented the Representatives therein Named are Wm Buffum & Anannias
Mowry Both present

the Comtee appointed to Prepare a Certificate
for our friend John townsend Reported an Essay
of one Which was approved off and Signed By the
Clerk of this and the Womens Meetg And the Clerk
is Desired to Send forward the Same - Which is
as follows - Viz

From our monthly meeting of Friends
Held at Smithfield ye 30th 11th Month 1786
To the monthly Meeting at Devonshire
House in London

Our Beloved friend John Townsend Having attended the Last Sitting of this our monthly meeting, & Produced your Certificate of the 4th Mo 1785 With a Concurring Indorsment thereon from the Quarterly meeting held at Said Devonshire house the 11th of the Same

These are to Certify that his Ministry being attended With the Evidence of Devine Authority Was to our Comfort, And his Labours in the Discipline being Seasonable and Instructive was Very acceptable to us, Thus Commiting him to Devine Protection We Conclude and Remain your friends and Bretheren

Signed in and By order of our Said meeting By
Walter Allen Clerk
Susanna Comstock Clerk

The Seasonable Advice Contained In the Quarterly Meeting Epistle With Respect to friends Making there Wills, Referd for the Consideration of this Meeting, is again Referd for the Consideration of Next Monthly Meeting And friends Who are Deficiant therein are Desired to ~~Attend~~ pay Strict Attention thereto And Accomplish the Same

Agreable to the Recommendation of Last Quarterly Meeting With Respect to Assisting in Defraying the Expences of Bedford Meeting house, is Now the judgment of this Meeting the Same be Recommended to Next Preparative Meetg and friends Desired to Subscribe freely thereto

The Committee Reported a Bill of Expences Arising from there Making Provising for horse keeping for the Quarterly Meeting in the 7th Mo. Last To the amount of £4-15-7 Which account the Treasurer is Directed to Settle

The Comttee to Visit Mendon meeting from time to time Made Report in Writing, the Consideration and Dissposel Whereof is Referd to Next Monthly Meeting

The Committee to Visit Uxbridge Monthly Meeting on account of their Returning James Buffums Certificate Made the following Report, that they have Paid such attention to the service of these appointment as they thought Necessary and ~~think best~~ is rather their oppinion that it will conduce most to the satisfaction of the Monthly Meeting for this Meeting to take Back the Certificate and James Remain under the Care of this Meeting. And Said Committee is Still Continued to further Inspect James's Conduct as Way may Open, And as James Requested a few Lines By Way of Certificate to that Meeting in order for Marraige therefore Said Committee is Directed to take the Necessary Care of that Matter And if No objection arises Report a Certificate for that Purpose to Next Monthly Meeting

The Preparative Meeting Informing that Zaccheus Southwick Proposed to lay his Intentions of Maraige With Levina Sayles Before this Meeting And he Producing Concent of Parents they appeared and Laid their Intentions accordingly and Were Directed to Next Monthly for an Answer And Ananias Mowry & George Comstock are appointed to Enquire Into his Clearness In that respect And Report to Next Monthly Meeting

The Preparative Meeting also Informing that Israel Chase Proposed laying his Intentions of Marriage With Mathildah Butterworth Before this Meeting And he Producing Concent of Parents they

They appeared and Said their Intentions accordingly
And Were Directed to Next Monthly Meeting for an
Anſwer & George Arnold and Nehemiah Sprague
Are appointed to Enquire Into his Clearneſs In
that Reſpect And Make Report to Next Monthy Meetg

This Meeting is alſo Informed By the
Preparative Meeting that Jacob Bartlet is
Deſirous of a Certificate to Uxbridge Monthy
Meetg in order for Marriage Whereupon Wm
Buffum & Benedict Remington are appointed
to Make the Neceſsary Enquiry In that Caſe And
If No Objection apear, to hinder his Propoſals
Report an Eſsay of a Certificate to Next
Monthly Meeting —— The Preparative
Raiſed And Delivered the Treaſurer £ 4=17=1=½

At a monthly meeting held at Smith
=field ye 28th 12th Month 1786 The account from the
Preparative meeting Being Produced The Repreſenta
=tives therein Named are Benjamin Pierce And George
Smith Junr Both Preſent The Subject from the
Quarterly Meeting With Reſpect to friends Making their
Wills Whilest In health Refered for the Conſideration
of this Meeting Now being Received And Upon Exami
nation Friends appearing Conſiderable Deficiant
therein Do Appoint Ananias Mowry George Comſtock
And George Smith, to tenderly treat With Stir Up and
Adviſe those Who may appear Negliant In that Reſpect
And Report there Proceeding to this Meeting in the 2d month
Next or Sooner If they think Beſt ——

It appearing By the Repreſentatives from the Prepa
=rative Meeting that that Meeting Conſidering the
The Smallneſs thereof thought it Not Incumbant
on it to Make a Subſcription for Bedford Meeting house
as Directed at Laſt Monthy Meeting

But It Now appearing to be the judgment of Friends that it is as Well for this Meeting to give Some Aſsistance in Defraying the Expences thereof And alſo to Contribute towards the Expences of that at Providence, Agreable to the Requeſt of the Quarterly meeting in the 4th mo Laſt, Wherefore this Meeting Concludes to, And hereby Directs the Treaſurer of this Meeting to Send 20/ to the Monly Meeting of Dartmouth and 20/ to that of Providence for the Purpoſes Aforeſaid —

The Report off the Comtee to Viſit Mendon Meeting Left for the Conſideration of this Meeting Being Now Conſidered is accepted & is as followeth —

According to Appointment We have Viſited Mendon Meeting, and find but few friends belonging thereto and it appears moſt of them are Pretty Well Engaged to keep up all their Meetings though Sometimes they have been Diſturbed by Diſowned members as We underſtand

ye 16th of the 11th Mo 1786

Jonathan Mowry
David Buffum
Robert Wilkinſon
Ananias Mowry
Elizabeth Sprague
Ruth — Arnold
Alles Sprague

And a Propoſal being made in this Meeting Whether It May Not be beſt to Remove the Middle Week Meetg to George Smiths the Preſent Winter Which is Now held part of the time at mendon Meeting houſe the Conſideration and Diſposal thereof is Referd to Next Monly Meeting — The Friends Appointed to Enquire Into Zaccheus Southwicks Clearneſs With Reſpect to Marraige Engagments Report, that upon Enquiry they find Nothing to hinder his Proceeding in Marraige With Lavina Sayles as Propoſed at Laſt Monly Meeting, they alſo appeard in this Meeting And Recd their Anſwer accordingly

And George Comstock And Ananias Mowry Are appointed to See the Same Consummated and their Certificate Recorded & Report at Next Monly Meetg

The Comtee to Enquire into Israel Chaces Clearness Report that they have Not had an opportunity According to appointment therefore that Matter is Referd to Next Monly Meeting they then to Report e

The Comtee Appointed or ~~Continued~~ to Enquire into Jacob Bartlets Clearness With Respect to Marraige Engagments Report that upon Enquiry They find Nothing to hinder his having a Certificate to Uxbridge Monly Meeting agreable to his Requests And accordingly a Certificate on his Behalf for that Purpose Was Signed by the Clerk e

The Comtee Continued to further Inspect James Buffums Conduct Make Report that they have Not had an opportunity on that account Since Last Monly Meeting But upon Enquiry find Nothing to hinder his having a Certificate to to Uxbridge Monly Meeting in order for Marraige Accordingly a Certificate for that Purpose Was Presented and Signed By the Clerk e

The Queries Were Read in this Meeting With Answers thereto Composed at Last Preparative Meeting and by this approved, and Inserted in an account to the Quarterly Meeting Signed by the Clerk And forwarded By the Representatives therein Named Who are George Smith Benedict Remington And David Mowry, And they Desired to give Attention to their Appointment And Report to Next Monthly Meeting

Walter Allen Clerke

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A Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Smithfield the 25th of ye 1st Mo 1787

The Meeting being Remote, Concerned the Representa-
tives Appointed by the Preparative Meetg are Joseph
Comstock and Thomas Greene Both Present

The proposal made at last Monthly Meetg
Respecting the Removal of Mendon middle Week Meeting
to George Smiths the present Winter Coming under the
Consideration of this Meeting, and Considering the
season is so far advanced, believe it best to Make no
further Proceedure therein

The Womens Monthly Meeting Informed
that they Proposed to accept of Lydia Wilkinson
and Alice Rogers as Members of their Meeting
this Concurd therewith, And no objections appear-
ing they are Received accordingly

The friends appointed to attend the Marriage
of Freeborn Southwick and Lavina Taylor Report
that they attended agreeable to appointment, and
according to their observation it was Consummated
in an orderly and becoming manner and their Certi-
ficate Delivered the Clerk for Recording

The friends Continued to Enquire into
Israel Chaces Clearness of Marriage Engage-
ments Report, that on Enquiry Nothing appears
to hinder his proceeding in marriage with Hul-
dah Butterworth as heretofore Proposed, according
ly they appeard in this Meetg and Recd their answer
Jonathan Newry & Wm Buffum are Appointed
to see the same Consummated and their Certificate
Recorded and Report at Next Monthly Meeting

One of the Comtee in behalf of the whole in the Case
of James Buffum Made the following Report, Viz
that some attention has been paid thereunto, but at
present are not ready to Report their judgment in the
Case, and think best to Refer the same till Next Mon
meetg which is Referd accordingly for them to
Report

The Friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting as Representatives Report that they attended according to appointment

The Preparative Meeting informing that Thomas Greene proposes removing with his family to some parts of Nova Scotia and desires friends advice therein whereupon George Comstock Rufus Smith and Elisha Thornton are appointed to confer with him upon his proposed removal, and administer such advice as may to them appear necessary upon the occasion and make report to next Monthly Meeting

The Preparative Meeting also informed that Elizabeth Jelson wife of Uriah appeared in that Meeting and requested friends care over her son Uriah therefore this Meeting appoints David Buffum George Comstock & Daniel Allen to join a Comtee of women friends who may be appointed for the like purpose to take an opportunity in the family and endeavour to feel after the sincerity of the request and suitableness of granting the same and report to next Monthly Meeting

The Preparative Meeting likewise inform that they raised and delivered the Treasurer £2=7 — Wm Buffum George Arnold and George Smith are appointed to settle accounts between this and Providence Monthly Meeting and make report when accomplished

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held at Smithfield the 22nd 2nd Mo 1787

The account from the Preparative meeting being present the Representatives therein named are George Comstock and George Arnold both present

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of

Israel Chase and Meletiah Butterworth Report that they attended accordingly, and Discovered Nothing But that it was Conducted Orderly, and that their Certificate was Delivered to the Clerk for Recording

The Committee to take the further Care in the Case of James Buffum Report, that they have had another Opportunity with him, & had the Company of Several Friends of Uxbridge Meetg And upon a more full Inspection of the Matters Contained in a Letter from that meeting to this James's Conduct does Not appear so disreputable as was at first Expected, yet there appeared ground for uneasiness in them Respects; the which James appeard Somewhat Sensible off. And it being the Opinion of the Committe that it may be best to Dismiss said matters, and Continue James under the Care of friends, Wherefore the Matter is Dismissed and he Continued accordingly

The Committe in the Case of Thomas Greene Report that they have Paid Some Attention to that Matter But have Not fully Investigated all Circumstances they are Still Continued to have the Care of that Matter having Regard to the Settlement of his Affairs and Report at Next Monthly Meetg Thomas having Liberty at the Same time to Make Provision for Removing his family within the Bounds of Novascotia

The Committe to Join the Womens Committee In the Case of the Request of Elizabeth Jellison Report that it is there Judgment that it May be best to grant her Request & Receive her Children under the Care of Friends Which being acceptable to this and the Womens Monthly Meeting they are Receivd accordingly their Names being Priscilla Prudence Temperance Elizabeth and Uriah

The Preparative Meeting inform that they Raised and Deliver'd the Treasurer £ 1-11-0

One of the Representatives to Last Quarterly Meeting Directed to pay to the Quarterly Meeting's Treasurer the Balance Due to that Meeting he also Producing his Receit for so Doing the Treasurer is Directed to pay the Same

At a monthly meeting held at Smithfield the 29th of the 3d Mo 1787

The Representatives appointed by the Preparative Meeting are Jabez Wing & Elijah [illegible] both Present, The Committee to take the further Care for the Case of Thomas [illegible] Removal Report, that on inspection his affairs appears to be not [illegible] settled as maybe best, tho Nothing Difficult appears therein and Likely Soon to be accomplished and think best the same be Referred to Next Monthly Meeting

And Thomas [illegible] having Liberty to Remove with his Family when agreeable to him and the Committee that has the Care thereof

The Queries and answers were Read for this Meeting and the answers approved [illegible] to be sent to the Quarterly Meeting [illegible] Signed by the Clerk and forwarded by our Representatives herein Named Thomas [illegible] George [illegible] Pierce and [illegible] and they Desire to attend [illegible] and [illegible] of their attendance at Next Monthly Meeting

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield ye 26th of the 12th M. 1787

The Representatives appointed by the Preparative Meeting was Joseph Comstock & Joseph Buffum both Present

The Clerk being absent George Smith is appointed to write for the Meeting this time

Received the Printed general Epistle from the last Yearly Meeting held in London which was read to good satisfaction

The Committee Continued to have the further Care of the Matter respecting Thomas Greene's Removal [illegible] report that on inquiry nothing appears but that his affairs are settled to satisfaction, Whereupon this meeting Leaves him at Liberty to proceed on his Intended Removel, and there Not being any Monthly Meeting as we can understand by Reason of the great Distance Suitable to Recommend him to by way of Certificate, and as he is a member of our Society and of a Sober Life and Conversation, it seemeth well unto us to give him a few Lines to the Brethren already Settled in them Parts, having according to our Several measures Experienced the mutual helps & advantages arising from Religious Communion, a Sympathetic Exercise attendeth our minds for friends So Remotely Situated Nevertheless being fully sensible that the gracious promise made of old to a faithful Servant viz My grace is Sufficient for thee, is is Extended to and witnessed so to be by Every Individual Who Like him is Sincerely Engaged to walk in the Path of Perfect Obedience What Ever their Situation or Circumstance may be in this Life, to this Divine Grace we Recommend you and bid you farewell

and the Clerk is Directed to give Thomas Greene a Copy of this minute

This Meeting Receaved a Coppy of a minute from the monthly meeting of Uxbridge Bearing date the 30th of the 3rd mo 1787 recommending Thomas [illegible] to the care of this meeting which was Read & accepted

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting report they attended agreeable to appointment —

The Preparative meeting informs that [illegible] Allen sent a few lines informing that he has married contrary to our Discipline, And that he desires friends to pass by and continue him under their care, Whereupon this meeting appoints Daniel Allen [illegible] Comstock and Rufus Smith to treat with him and Report when accomplished —

The Preparative Meeting also informs that they raised and delivered the Treasurer
£ 1/1-0

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held at Smithfield the 21st of the 5th mo 1787
The Representatives appointed by the Preparative meeting are Rufus Smith and George Smith who being called are both present

The Preparative Meeting informs that they raised and delivered the Treasurer £ 3-10-0

The time for [illegible] Clerk was appointed is now Expired. Therefore [illegible] Comstock George [illegible] & George Smith are appointed to consider who may be suitable for that service the ensuing year and treat with the friend upon the subject and Report at Next Monthly Meeting

William Buffum and George Arnold are appointed to make such Provision for horse keeping for the Quarterly Meeting in the 7th mo. next as they may think proper and Pay the Expences arising therefrom when accomplished —

The womens Monthly Meeting Exhibited a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge Recommending Lucy Allen wife of Ezra with three Children to the Care of this meeting their names being James Lydia and Ezra which was Read and is accepted.

Recorded By Walter Allen Clerk

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield the 28th of the 6th mo 1787
The Representatives appointed by the Preparative Meeting are Jonathan Mowry and Jacob Bartlet both present

The Comtee to consider of the appointing a new Clerk not being ready to Report they are continued for that service, and to Report to next Monthly Meeting; And Walter Allen being desirous to be dismissd at this time, he is dismissd accordingly. and George Comstock is appointed Clerk for the day —

A Certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Providence Recommending Thos Greene and Wait his wife, to the care of Friends as Members of Society, and one from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting Recommending Abigail Mowry wife of Enos with their Son Marmaduke to Friends care as Members of Society were presented to this Meeting, read and accepted —

The Queries were read in this Meeting with Anſwers thereto sent by the Preparative Meeting which were agreed to and inſerted in an Acct to the Quarterly Meeting and forwarded by our Repreſentatives who are Rufus Smith William Buffum and George Arnold and they to make Return to next Monthly Meeting.

James Buffum having removed to Uxbridge Moly Meeting Jonathan Mowry and Daniel Allen are appointed to inſpect into his Circumſtances, and to prepare a Certificate for him if they think best and Report to our next Meeting

The Preparative Meeting inform that they raiſed and delivered the Treaſurer £1: 8= 0 —

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 26th of 7th mo 1787

The Repreſentatives named in the acct from the Preparative Meeting are George Arnold and Seth Hilley and both preſent

The Committee to conſider of appointing a Clerk named George Comstock for that service and he is appointed accordingly for the year enſuing

Our Repreſentatives to last Quarterly Meeting Mee inform that they attended according to appointment

The friends to enquire into the ~~[illegible]~~ Circumſtances of James Buffum in Regard to removing to Uxbridge. Report that they did not find any thing to hinder his having a Certificate and they preſented one on his Behalf which being approved of was Signed by the Clerk —

An Epistle from last Quarterly Meeting being read it appears thereby, that, that Meeting directed £.50 to be raiſed for the uſe of that and the yearly Meeting of which this Meetings part is £4=6.0 which the Preparative Meeting is deſired to collect as soon as may be, and send to our Treaſurer, and an acct thereof to this Meetg

Transcripts of Epistles from our Last yearly Meetg and thoſe at London, Philadelphia and West. Borough on Long Island were received at this Meeting, the reading of which is referd to our next

The Comtee to provide Horſekeeping at Last Quarterly Meeting preſented the amount of the Expences thereof which was £4=11=0 which the Treaſurer is directed to pay

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 30th of 8th mo 1787— The Repreſentatives named in the account from the Preparative Meeting are George Smith and Benja Peace, both preſent

The Epistles referd ~~from~~ from last Monthly to be read at this; were now read, except that from West-borough which is not preſent

The Preparative Meeting inform that David Greene made Application to that Meeting for a Certificate to Uxbridge Monthly Meeting setting forth his Clearneſs of marriage Engagements among us, and George Comstock, Daniel Allen and Rufus Smith are appointed to inſpect into his Clearneſs in that Reſpect and if they find no Cauſe to hinder to make ~~[illegible]~~ a Draught and bring to next Monthly Meeting or however, otherwiſe to make Report

A Minute from last yearly meeting Recommending a Subſcription in freedom for the Relief of Ebenezer Pope he having had his Houſe burnt in the late fire

At Boſton whereupon this Meeting made a Subſcription of £2=14=0 for his Relief and deliverd to David Buffum to Collect:

The Preparative Meeting inform that they raiſed and delivered the Treaſurer £2=10=0

This Meeting being informed that there is some Deman thereon where pay is much wanted therefore the Preparati Meeting is earnestly requested to continue there Collection and send to the Treaſurer and an acct to this Meeting.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield the 27th of 9th mo 1787. The account from the Praparative Meeting being presented Seth Kelley and Zaccheus Southwick being therein named for Repreſentives are both preſent

A Certificate recommending Stephen Horſie to the care of this Monthly Meeting as a Member of Society from Sandwich Monthly meetg ~~was~~ read and accepted

The Epistle from West Borough yearly Meeting is not yet prin

The friends appointed made Report that they find nothing to hinder David Greene having a Certificate to Uxbridge as he requested and a Certificate Signifying his Cleanneſs from Marriage Engagements among us, and neceſsary Consent directed to that Meeting was Signed by the Clerk

The Preparative Meeting informed that Jonathan Congdon acquainted that Meeting that he propoſed to lay his Intention of Marriage with Eliſabeth Arnold before this Meeting and he having now produced a Certificate according to Diſcipline for that purpoſe from Providence Monthly Meeting they appear in this Meeting and declar their Intention of taking each other in marriage

And were refer'd to next Monthly Meeting for an Anſwer

The Queries were read and Anſwers thereto compoſed by the Preparative Meeting and with some Alterations were approved of and inſerted in an account to the Quarterly Meeting and committed to the Care of our Repreſentatives who are Chad Smith Ananias Mowry and Benedict Remington and they to Report to our next Meeting

The Preparative Meeting inform that they collected and deliver'd the Treaſurer £0=15=0

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 25th of 10th mo 1787 The account from the Preparative Meeting being presented Elisha Thornton and George Smith being therein named for Representatives are both present

An Epistle from our last Quarterly Meeting was read, Recommending an Attention to our ancient Testimony against War. which is well accepted

Jonathan Congdon and Elisabeth Arnold appeared in this Meeting, and informed that they continued their Intention of Marriage, and requested an Answer, and this Meeting finding nothing to hinder their proceeding according to the good order among Friends: they received Answer accordingly, and Jonathan Mowry and George Comstock are appointed to see the Marriage Consummated, and Certificate recorded, and Report to our next Meeting

The Representatives report that they attended the Quarterly Meeting according to appointment

Thomas Watson informed this Meeting that he propoſed soon to return to Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, a few Lines by way of Indorſement on the Copy of a Minute he brought from

Uxbridge

Uxbridge Monthly Meeting signifying his orderly Conduct while among us was signed by the Clerk

George Briggs being returned to Swanzey Monthly Meeting, a Certificate recommending him to the care of that Meeting was signed by the Clerk

By the Epistle from the Quarterly Meeting in the 7th Month last we are informed that the times for holding Salem Quarterly Meeting, have been alterd by the yearly Meeting and this Meeting is requested to inſert the Alteration in our Books of Diſcipline, Chad Smith is deſired to inſert it accordingly, and report to our next Meeting

Benjamin Pearce informed that he has some thoughts of removing within the Bounds of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting and deſired friends advice therein; Joseph Comstock, Rufus Smith and Seth Killey, are appointed to treat with him on that Subject, and Communicate the best Advice they may be enabled too, and Report to our next Meeting.

William Arnold and Ananias Mowry are appointed to receive the Books and Papers, belonging to this Meeting now in the hands of the former Clerk and deliver to the present Clerk

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield the 29th of 11th mo 1787 the Repreſentatives appearing as named in the account from the Preparative Meeting are Benja Pearce and James Harkneſs

Our Friend Levi Hoag attended this Meeting being on a Religious viſit in these and adjacent parts and a Certificate from the Creek Monthly Meeting in the Government of New York dated 20th of 10th mo 1787 Setting forth friends Unity with his publick Testimony there and with his preſent

Visit here and hereaway was read in this Meeting to our Satisfaction Also our friend Paul Hoag attended this Meeting and a Copy of a Minute from said Creek Monthly Meeting setting forth friends Unity with him as an Elder and with his accompanying our said friend Levi Hoag in his present visit was read to Satisfaction.

Friends appointed make Report, that the Marriage of Jonathan Congdon and Elisabeth Arnold was conducted in an orderly manner and the Certificate deliverd the Clerk.

Chad Smith informs that he has inserted the Alterations in the time of holding Salem Quarterly Meeting in the Books of Diſcipline according to appointment

Friends appointed on the account of Benjamin Pearce propoſing to remove into Uxbridge Monthly Meeting make Report that they have taken an Opportunity with him on that Subject, and thought best to leave him at Liberty to proceed or not as should appear best to him, to which no objection appears in this Meeting

William Arnold and Ananias Mowry inform that they have deliverd the Books and Papers belonging to this Meeting to the present Clerk.

The Preparative Meeting inform that they collected and deliver,d the Treaſurer £0=15=4

This Meeting not having any School Committee now under Appointment and it being the Advice of the Yearly Meetg that each Monthly Meeting should have such a Committee, and the Season advancing in which Country Schools are much more generally attended this Meeting appoints, Elisha Thornton George Arnold George Comstock Rufus Smith and George Smith for that Service their Buſineſs being pointed out in our Book of Diſcipline under the head; Schools

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 27th of 12th mo 1787 The account from the Preparative Meeting being presented the Representatives therein named are Ananias Mowry and Benedict Remington both preſent:

Our Esteemed friend Joſeph Delaplaine attended this Meeting and produced a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting at Flushing on Long Island Dated 1st of 11th mo 1787 Setting forth Friends Unity with him as a Minister and with his making a Religious Viſit in New-England which has been read to Satiſfaction

The Queries with Anſwers thereto compoſed by the Preparative Meeting were read in this Meeting and the Anſwers with some Amendments were approved of and inſerted in an Account to the Quarterly Meeting and sent by our Repreſentatives who are George Comstock Rufus Smith and Benjamin Pearce they to report to our next Meetg

Received two printed General Epistles from the yearly Meeting at London in the 5th mo Last, one being read at this Time, the Clerk is directed to read it at the Cloſe of a firſt day Meeting in this place, and George Smith is directed to read the other at the Cloſe of a Meeting at Mendon.

This Meeting not having yet discharged all Demands for Money hereon, do recommend to the Preparative Meetg at their next sitting to make a Collection, we being £12=0 in Arrear as near as we can compute

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At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 31st of 1st mo 1788 The Representatives named in the acct from the Preparative Meeting are Jacob Bartlet and Zaccheus Southwick both present

An Epistle from Last Quarterly Meeting has been at this time Recived and read which we freely acknowledge contains just and pertinent Admonition, as well as good Counsel, being sensible it is but our reasonable Duty diligently to attend thereunto

The Representatives to Last Quarterly Meeting report that they attended according to Appointment.

The Preparative Meeting inform that Laban Comstock informed that Meeting that he proposed to lay his Intention of Marriage with Content Smith before this; and they appeared in this Meeting and declared their Intention of taking each other in Marriage; Consent of Parents on both sides being produced and read: Rufus Smith and George Arnold are appointed to enquire into his Clearness in that Respect and report to our next Meeting to which they are referd for an Answer

The Preparative Meeting propose to the Consideration of this; the holding the 4th day Meeting now settled at Mendon Meeting house at George Smith,s this Meeting after some Consideration do approve thereof, and that 4th day Meeting is directed to be held at George Smith,s, Excepting on Monthly and preparative Meeting weeks, and the week the Quarterly meeting is held at this house, when that 4th day Meeting is to be omitted, and these Regulations to continue as Long as the Monthly Meeting shall think best

The Preparative Meeting inform that they collected and deliver.d the Treasurer 3/ and they are desired to continue their Collections for discharging the Meetings Debts

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield 28th of 2nd mo 1788. The Representatives named in the acct from the Preparative Meeting are Elisha Kelley and Nehemiah Sprague both present

The Committee to inspect into the Clearness of Laban Comstock on acct of Marriage with Content Smith make Report, that they find no Objection to his proceeding, and they came into this Meeting, and inform that they continued their Intention and Requested an Answer, and this Meeting approving of their proceeding, George Arnold and Elisha Kelly, are appointed to see their Marriage Consummated, and Certificate recorded, and Report to our next Meeting.

The Committee to treat with Ahaz Allen inform that they have not met with him, tho they have divers times endeavour.d for it, he having resided a great part of his time at a great Distance and when in those parts his Conduct rather betoken.d an Aversion to Meeting with them, or at Least no Disposition for it, and as the matter on every hand looks with a discouraging Prospect, this Meeting thinks best to disown Unity with him as a Member and he is hereby disowned, and George Smith Junr and Elisha Kelly are appointed to inform him of his Denial and Right of Appeal and Report when Accomplished

The Preparative Meeting inform that Israel Chace informd that Meeting, that he proposed to remove with his Family within the Bounds of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting and desires a Certificate for that Purpose if Friends shall approve of his Removal; where

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upon this Meeting appoints Elisha Thornton and Joseph Comstock to take an Opportunity with him on the Subject, and give him such Advice after mature Consideration had, as they shall find most suitable on the Occasion, and if they find Nothing to hinder, to draught an Essay of a Certificate and bring to our next Meeting

The Preparative Meeting sent up an Information brought to that Meeting by the Overseers, that Luke Kelly hath been in the Neglect of attending Meetings kept unprofitable Company, Laid a Wager on a Man at playing Cards, as they (the Overseers) have been informed, and which he on being treated with did not deny. This Meeting appoints Ananias Mowry Benjamin Pearce and George Comstock to visit him on behalf of this Meeting that they may Labor as Ability may be received for the Restoring our offending Brother, and report to our next Meeting of their Procedure and their Prospect of his state of mind

The Womens Meeting inform that they have disowned Ruth Read, and the Subject of ~~her~~ her Offence being read up in this Meeting, this Meeting approves of and concurs with the Judgement of the Womens Meeting, and they also presented a Testimony of her Denial, which this Meeting also approves of

This Meeting is informed that Ebenezer Torry has been acquainted of his Denial and Right of Appeal

The Preparative Meeting inform that they raised and delivered the Treasurer £3-8-6

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield 27th of 3rd 1788
the Repreſentatives named in the acct from the Preparative
Meeting are Benjamin Pearce and Chad Smithfield, both preſent

The Preparative Meeting inform that Uriah Jilleſon deſired to be accepted under the Care of Friends and he came into this Meeting, and made the same Request, Whereupon George Smith George Comstock and Jonathan Mowry are appointed to take a solid Opportunity with him and endeavor to feel after the Suitableneſs of his being a Member of Society, and Report to our next Meeting.

The Queries were read in this Meeting with Anſwers compo=ſed at the Last Preparative Meeting, and inserted in an acct to the Quarterly Meeting which being signed by the Clerk was committed to the Care of our Repreſentatives to that Meeting who are Rufus Smith Benedict Remington and George Smith Junr and they to report to our next Meeting of their Attendance

One of the Friends appointed on the Subject of Israel Chase's Removing informs that they are not Ready to report, they are continued and to report to our next Meeting

The Committee to Labor with Luke Hilley Report that they viſited him and that they find no Encouragement of his making Satisfaction or advancing in a Religious Growth, yet as he deſired Friends would wait a Little while on him as the Comtee inform, this Meeting thinks well to defer any further Proceeding untill our next Meeting

Friends appointed to see the Marriage of Laban Comstock and Content Smith accomplished, Report that they attended the Marriage which was conducted in an orderly manner and the Certificate delivered to the Clerk

The Preparative Meeting, Transmitted a Paper of acknowledgement from David Read, confeſsing his having attended

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Several Huskings, and places of Resort in unprofitable Company and at unseasonable hours, whereupon Nehemiah Sprague Ananias Mowry and Rufus Smith together with the present Overseers are appointed to inspect into his Conduct more generally and to feel after his State of mind and Report to our next Meeting.

The Preparative meeting also inform that Thomas Greene proposes to remove to Providence. David Buffum Zaccheus Southwick and George Comstock are appointed to treat with him on the Subject and if they find no Objection to prepare a Certificate on his Behalf and Report to our next Meeting.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield 24th of 4th mo 1788 the Representatives named in the acct from the Preparative Meeting are George Arnold and Daniel Allen both present

The friends appointed on the Request of Uriah Jillson, inform that they have visited him, and think it is best to grant his Request and accept him a Member of Society and he is accepted accordingly, the Women's Meeting also concurring therewith

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting, inform that they attended according to Appointment.

Friends appointed on the Subject of Israel Chace's removing inform, that they ~~think best~~ have attended to their Appointment and think best that, that matter be refer'd to our next Meeting and it is refer'd accordingly, they then to Report.

A Letter from the Overseers of Friends poor at Lynn being read in this Meeting informing that Agnes Richards a woman friend who was recommended from this Meeting to Salem Monthly Meeting in 1782 is now Supported by society and they apprehending that she has not obtain'd a proper Settlement

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in their Meeting, Suppose that this Meeting should be at the Expence of her Support; But as the Circumstances are such as much embarrasses the Case, George Comstock, William Buffum, George Arnold and Benedict Remington are appointed to inspect into them, and make out as intelligble an Account as they can of the whole; and lay before our next Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to send a Copy of this Minute to Salem Monthly Meeting.

The Case of Luke Hilley, coming under Consideration at this time; but as the Womens Meeting has risen that matter is refer'd to our next Meeting.

The Comtee in the Case of David Read;s inform that some of them have treated with him on the subject they were appointed for, and that it was their Sense it would be best to refer that matter to our next Meeting, which is referd, accordingly under the same friends Care, they then to Report

Friends appointed in the Case of Thomas Greene; removing, inform that they think best to defer giving a Certificate on his behalf to our next Meeting. It is defer'd and the Committee to continue their care according to Appointment

The Preparative Meeting inform that David Greene proposed to that Meeting, his thoughts of removing into Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, George Comstock and William Buffum are appointed to advise with him on that acct. to inspect into the state of his affairs, and prepare a Certificate if they find no Objection and bring to our next Meeting.

The time the Overseers were appointed for being expired some Months past and this Meeting taking the subject into Consideration. refer the same to our next Meeting; recommending to the present Overseers to continue their Care in the mean time

The Preparative Meeting inform that they raised and deliverd the Treasurer £2=17=6

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield 29th of 5th mo 1788. the Representatives named in the acct from the Preparative Meeting are Elisha Thornton and Wm. Buffum both present

Friends appointed on acct of Israel Chace's Removing inform, that they find no objection to his removing into Uxbridge Monthly Meeting as he proposed, and they presented a Draught of a Certificate for him, his wife Matilda and their daughter Amy which being approved of, was signed in this meeting by the Clerk

The Comtee to enquire into the Circumstances Respecting Agnes Richards, make the following Report viz

To the Monthly Meeting to be held the 29th of 5th mo 1788: Agreeable to appointment we have endeavord to acquaint ourselves with the Circumstances of Agnes Richards, and find by our Records that her Certificate to us from the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island was Recd the 3rd mo 1778 - and that we gave a Certificate directed to the Monthly Meeting of Boston on her Behalf dated ye 9th mo 1782 - and from the best Information we have obtaind it appears that she was neither Insolvent or in Necessitous Circumstances whilst Resident with us — nor doth it appear that she had ever been chargeable to or asked Relief of any Meeting before she removed from us, nor within the Limited time of three years after ——

George Comstock William Buffum
George Arnold, Benedict Remington

which Report is accepted, and according to which we apprehend that this Meeting cannot be charged for her Support

Support agreeable to Diſcipline. Nevertheleſs if by any Error in our Information, Mistake or Miſapprehenſion in us, it shall in future appear that we are justly chargeable for her Maintenance we shall be ready to comply therewith: And the Clerk is directed to send a Copy of this Minute to Salem Monthly Meeting—

Luke Killey's Caſe coming under Conſideration again at this time, and one friend informing that he deſires this Meeting to wait Longer on him, this Meeting refers the further Conſideration thereof to next Monthly meeting in order that he may have an Opportunity of making Application to Friends as he shall be diſpoſed, and George Smith is deſired to inform him thereof.

Some of the Friends appointed in the Caſe of David Read inform that they by Reaſon of Sickneſs in some of their Families have not met with him, they are continued for that service and to Report to our next Meeting

Friends appointed in the Caſe of Thomas Greene's removing inform that they find no objection to his having a Certificate, and they presented a Draught which being approved of was signed by the Clerk

The Preparative Meeting inform that a Propoſal had been communicated to that Meeting, from the select Meeting, of appointing Hepzibah Buffum to the place of an Elder, Whereupon this Meeting appoints, Seth Killey David Allen and Rufus Smith to unite with a Committee of Women friends, to viſit said Hepzibah and endeavor in best wisdom to feel after the propriety of such an Appointment and make Return to our next Meeting

The Preparative Meeting inform that Abel Bartlet acquainted that Meeting, that he proposed to Lay his Intention of Marriage with Sarah Collam before this Meeting and he producing Consent of Parents, they were admitted into this Meeting, and declared their Intention of taking each other in Marriage and George Arnold and Elisha Kelley, are appointed to inspect into his Clearness in that Respect and Report to our next Meeting

The Preparative Meeting also inform that Lydia Wilkinson requested the care of Friends for her two Sons Caleb and Isaac Wilkinson. George Smith Nehemiah Sprague and and George Comstock are appointed to visit that Family and to search after the suitableness of granting that request and Report to our next Meeting

Friends appointed in the Case of David Greene's Removal not being ready to Report are desired to Report to our next Meeting

The ~~Case of~~ appointing of Overseers being revived in this Meeting, after Consideration thereon Seth Kelley Jonathan Mowry Joseph Comstock and George Arnold are appointed for that service the year ensuing

The Preparative Meeting inform that they raised and delivered the Treasurer £0=6=0

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 26th of 6th mo. 1788. Friends named in the acct. from the Preparative Meeting for Representatives are Jonathan Mowry and Daniel Allen both present

The Queries were read in this Meeting with the Answers thereto composed at the Preparative Meet

Which with some Amendments were approved of, and inserted in an acct. to the Quarterly Meetg which being signed by the Clerk was committed to the Care of our Representatives to that Meeting who are William Buffum Rufus Smith & Seth Kelly and they to Report to our next Meeting

The friends appointed to unite with a Comtee of Women Friends to visit Hepzibah Buffum and to feel after the Propriety of her being appointed an Elder, ~~make Report~~ jointly with said Committee of Women friends make Report, that it seems well to them, that she be appointed to the place of an Elder, which being agreeable to the sense of this Meeting, and the womens Meetg also approving thereof she is appointed accordingly, and Information thereof is inserted in the acct. to the Quarterly Meetg

The Case of Luke Hilley coming under Consideration again at this time, and two friends who were of the Comtee to treat with him on the subject of his Misconduct, informing, that they have met with him since last Monthly [illegible] Meeting; And that he still desires friends to wait Longer on him, and some friends expressing some small degree of hope, Ananias Mowry, Benja. Pearce, Benedict Remington and Jonathan Mowry are appointed to revisit and further Labour with him, and make Report of his state of mind to our next Meeting

Friends appointed to inspect into the Clearness of Abel Bartlet respecting marriage Engagements Report that they find nothing to hinder his proceeding in marriage with Sarah Callam and they came into this meeting, and inform, that they continued their Intention and desired an Answer, and this Meeting having

Objection, they received Answer accordingly, and Daniel Allen and Benja Pearce are appointed to see their marriage accomplished, and Certificate deliver'd for Recording and make Return to our next Meeting.

Friends appointed in the Case of David Read make Report that they have treated with him on the subject of his acknowledgement and further find that he hath attended the drawing of a Lottery and there played at Cards, and that they have been credibly informed that he has been guilty of Profane Language; which he did not deny; and that their Labours did not appear to have the desired Effect, and as he has been disorderly a considerable time, and has slighted our advice and Reproof; it now seems necessary for clearing our Testimony, to deny Unity with him as a Member, and he is hereby disowned and George Comstock and William Buffum are appointed to inform him thereof and of his right of Appeal and draw a Testimony of his denial, and make return to our next meeting.

Friends appointed on the Request of Lydia Wilkinson for her Children, not being ready to Report, that matter is refer'd to our next meeting under the same friends care

Friends appointed inform that they find nothing to hinder David Greene having a Certificate to Uxbridge Monthly Meeting and an Essay being produced and approv'd of was signed by the Clerk

William Buffum, George Comstock and David Mowry are appointed to provide horse keeping during the sitting of the Quarterly Meeting to be held here next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 31st of 3rd mo 1788 The Representatives named in account from the Preparative Meeting are Chad Smith and Ananias Mowry both present.

Information being Received in writing from Salem Monthly Meeting that they are unsatisfied

With our Conclusion in the Case of Agnes Richards: Rufus Smith George Arnold William Buffum ~~and~~ Benedict Remington and George Comstock are appointed to lay the State of the Case before Rhode Island Uxbridge and Providence Monthly Meetings for their Advice and Assistance therein, and they to Report to our next Meetg

The Representatives to the Last Quarterly Meetg inform, that, they attended to their Appointment, and presented Extracts of written Epistles from the yearly Meetings of London, Philadelphia, Westborough on Long Island. and of Sundry Minutes of our Last yearly at Newport and a Short Epistle from said Quarterly Meeting, the two Last being read (the others being Refer'd to our next Meeting) It appears by the Epistle from the Quarterly Meeting that this meeting Proportion for the yearly meetings Stock is £ 2= 9= 5 and for the Quarterly Meetings Stock £ 2=3=3 which the Preparative meeting is desired to collect and send to our Treasurer and an account thereof to this Meeting, and by the Extracts of minutes it appears that one Minute Respecting friends dealing in Spirituous Liquors, is directed to be inserted in our Books of Discipline and George Arnold is desired to insert the same

The Committee to revisit Luke Kelley inform they have attended to their Appointment, and think best that matter be refer'd. It is refer'd accordingly under the same friends Care, and they to Report to our next Meetg

The friends to see the Marriage of Abel Bartlett and Sarah Callum accomplished Report that in

Their Judgment it was in an orderly manner and that the Certificate was deliverd for Recording

The friends appointed inform that they have not had an Opportunity to acquaint David Read with his Denial, they are desired to Report to our next Meeting

The friends appointed on the Request of Lydia Wilkinson for her sons inform that they have attended to their Appointment, and think best that matter be referd to our next Meeting it is referd accordingly

The Comtee to provide horse keeping at the Last Quarterly Meetg. now made Return of the Expence thereof which Amounts to £4=5=6 which the Treasurer is directed to pay the Committee, and an account thereof is directed to be sent to the Quarterly Meeting

The Preparative Meeting inform, they raised and ~~de~~ deliverd the Treasurer 6/. Likewise that they received of William Buffum £6= for one years Interest of a Note of hand, the Monthly Meetings Property which they deliverd the Treasurer

At a Monthly Meeting held Smithfield 28th of 8th mo 1788 Nehemiah Sprague and Abel Bartlett being named as Representatives in the acct from the Preparative Meeting are both present

The Comtee to lay the Case of Agnes Richards before the Monthly Meetings of Rhode Island, Uxbridge and Providence inform that they have proceeded therein according to Appointment and that each Meeting appointed a Comtee to take care in that matter, and this Meeting being desirous that this matter be settled in an amicable and as expiditious a manner as may be do appoint George Comstock and

Rufus Smith to join with Comtees from Rhode Island Uxbridge and Providence Monthly Meetings (if they shall see Cause to appoint such Comtee which it is expected most or all of them will) finally to settle this Case if Salem Monthly Meeting shall appoint (which it is earnestly hoped they will) such a Comtee also, with full power to settle this matter on their part with the other said Meetings Comtees either by agreement among themselves or such an Arbitration as they shall agree to, and Report their Proceedings from time to time as shall appear necessary and the Clerk is directed to transmit a Copy of this minute to Salem Monthly Meeting

The Extracts of Epistles refered from last Monthly Meeting to this were now read to good Satisfaction

The Comtee to revisit Luke Kelley inform that they are not ready to Report; they are desired to pay Attention to their Appointment and make Return to our next Meeting

The Friends appointed inform that they have acquainted David Read with his Denial and Right of Appeal and presented a Testimony of his Denial which being read and approv.d of was Signed by the Clerk

The Comtee in the Case of Lydia Wilkinson's Request for her Sons make Return in writing as follows

To Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends now sitting

We have attended upon our Appointment in Regard to Lydia Wilkinsons Request for her Sons, and feeling a near Sympathy with her, in her Concern for the good Education of her Children do Recommend to friends who may find a like Concern Religiously to visit that Family as

Opportunity may be afforded hoping that pious Labor so bestowd may in some Degree, have the desired Effect, but as the Disposition of the Lads now appears, we cannot Recommend the taking them under the care of Society as Members: 28th of 8th mo 1788
which is accepted, and friends are desired to bear in mind the Recommendation

This Meeting has Subscribed and raised the Money for fifteen of the Treatise of Joseph Phips on the Original and present state of man, and the Money is delivered to Jonathan Mowry to send forward to Moses Brown

David Mowry is appointed to keep a Note of hand the Property of this Meeting Signed by William Buffum for One hundred pounds Lawful Money dated 20th of 2nd mo 1784 on which this Meeting has Received four years Interest, said David to Return the same when called for

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 25th of 9th mo 1788 the friends named in the acct from the Preparative Meeting for Representatives are Joseph Comstock and Jacob Bartlet, Joseph Comstock not present, by Reason as this Meeting is inform of being unwell

The friends appointed in the Case of Luke Hilley inform that they have visited him again and think best to refer his Case to our next Meeting it is referd accordingly under the same friends care

The Queries with Answers thereto from the Preparative Meeting were read in this Meeting, the Answers being approv. of were inserted in an acct to the Quarterly Meetg

Together with an acct of the Expences of horse keeping at Last Quarterly Meeting and George Arnold Rufus Smith and Benedict Remington are appointed Representatives to next Quarterly Meeting and they to Report to our next Meeting

David Buffum informs that the Money Subscribed for the Relief of Ebenezer Pope hath been collected and paid

Jabez Wing, Rufus Smith and William Buffum desiring to be dismiss.d from the place of Auditors, they are dismissed and Chad Smith George Arnold and David Mowry are appointed to supply their place

The Preparative Meeting inform that they raised and deliverd the Treasurer £3=12=4½

The time being expired for which the present Clerk was appointed Jonathan Mowry, Ananias Mowry, George Arnold and Rufus Smith are desired to think of a suitable friend for that service, to treat with him on the subject and Report to our next meeting

At a Monthly Meetg of friends held Smithfield 30th of 10th mo 1788: Friends named in the acct from the Preparative Meetg for Representatives are Benjamin Pearce and Elisha Killey who are both present

The friends appointed to revisit Luke Killey inform, they have not seen him since last Monthly meetg that matter is referd to our next Monthly Meeting under the same friends care— The Representatives to last Quarterly meeting inform that they attended; excepting Rufus Smith who informs that he was too much unwell to attend.

The friends appointed Reſpecting a Clerk the enſuing year propoſe George Comstock for that service and he is appointed accordingly

The preſerving some of the dying Sayings of Susanna Comstock having been propoſed to this Meeting from the Womens Meetg for Advice whether it be done in a Meeting Capacity or otherwiſe, this Meeting appoints Elisha Thornton David Buffum and Rufus Smith to unite with such women as may be appointed to conſider said matter, and Report their senſe thereof when ready

The Preparative Meeting inform that they raiſed and deliver the Treaſurer £1=17=1

The Auditors preſented the following Return of a Settlement with the Treaſurer viz

Smithfield the 26th of the 10th mo 1788

Audited the Treaſurers acct and and found due to him

£8=0=6 David Mowry
Walter Allen
Chad Smith } Auditors
For which we agree to allow him Interest untill paid

which is accepted and this Meeting agrees to pay Interest accordingly and the Preparative Meeting is deſired to make a Collection to discharge the Meetings Debts and ſupport the poor

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At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield 27th of 11th mo 1788 friends named in the acct from the Preparative Meeting for Repreſentatives are Jabez Wing and George Arnold who being called George Arnold is not preſent, he being unwell as this Meeting is informed

The Comtee in the Caſe of Luke Killey Report that have had another Opportunity with him and that they did not ~~discover~~ much if ~~any~~ of a Religious Growth in him Since he has been under friends Notice, being Slack as they underſtand in attending Meetings, Nevertheleſs as he deſired friends would wait Longer on him that matter is refer'd under the same friend care to our next Meeting

The Preparative Meeting inform that they raiſed and deliver'd the Treaſuror 8/10d

Chad Smith is appointed to read the Testimony of David Read's Denial at the Cloſe of a publick Meeting at this Houſe and Report to our next Meeting

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 25th of 12th mo 1788

The Friends named in the acct from the Preparative Meeting are Jonathan Mowry and Wm Buffum who are both present

The Comtee in the Case of Luke Killey inform that they have not seen him since our Last Meeting, he not meeting with them as was expected, that matter is refer'd to our next meeting under the same friends care

Chad Smith informs that he has read the Testimony of David Read's Denial, as appointed

The Queries were read in this Meeting and Answers thereto from the Preparative Meeting which with some small Amendments were approved of and inſerted in an acct to the Quarterly Meeting which being signed by the Clerk was committed to the care of William Buffum Uriah Gillſon and Benja Peirce who are appointed this Meetings Repre

-sentatives to next Quarterly Meeting and to make Return to
our next Meeting

The Preparative Meeting inform that Jonathan Far-
num proposed to lay his Intention of Marriage with Lettice
Killey before this Meeting and he producing a Certificate from
Uxbridge Monthly Meeting of his being a Member thereof and
of his Clearness in Regard to Marriage Engagements, as also
Consent of Parents they were admitted into this Meeting
and declared their Intentions of taking each other in Marriage
and were refer.d to our next Meeting for an Answer

The Preparative Meeting inform, they raised and delivered
the Treasurer 6/

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1789 At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield 29th 1st mo
1789 The acct. from the Preparative meeting being pre-
sented and George Comstock and Zaccheus Southwick
named for Representatives are both present

Three of the Committee in the Case of Luke Killey
inform that they have made a Journey to see him, but
he being gone from home they were disappointed of seeing him
by Reason whereof and his twice failing to meet them at times
agreed upon, they have not seen him since Last Monthly meetg
and that it was their Opinion when last with him, that it
would be best to disown him, and divers friends expressing
there Sense accordingly, this Meeting disowns Unity with him
as a Member, and George Smith and George Arnold
are appointed to inform him thereof and of his Right of
Appeal and draw a Testimony of his Denial, and make
Return to our next Meeting

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The Representatives to attend last ~~Monthly~~ Quarterly Meetg
inform that they attended according to appointment

Information being sent up in the acct from the Preparative Meeting Jacob Wilkinson hath been in the Practice of attending Huskings: hath drank to excess used prophane and bad Language and play'd some at Cards; whereupon this Meeting appoints Daniel Allen Rufus Smith and George Comstock to treat with him on these accts and any matter as shall appear necessary and Labor with him as way may open for his good and Restoration and make Return to our next Meeting

Jonathan Farnum and Lettice Killey who were refer'd to this Meeting for an Answer in Respect to their proceeding in Marriage, now appear'd and Requested an Answer and this Meeting having no Objection they Received Answer accordingly and George Arnold and Jonathan Mowry are appointed to see their marriage accomplished and Certificate deliver'd for Recording and make Return to our next Meetg

By the Extracts of the yearly minutes sent from the Quarterly Meeting we are informed that the yearly Meetg Requests that a List of the Names of the Members of the Select Meeting be sent up to next Yearly Meeting; George Comstock is desired to make out a List of ~~all~~ all Select Members belonging to this Meeting and bring to our next Meeting

An acct of £7=3-9 to be paid in Indian Corn at three Shillings per Bushel for Rebuilding the Horse Shed &c being allowed and presented by the Auditors Walter Allen is appointed to receive the Corn of Subscribers and deliver to those to whom it appears to be due by said acct and make Return when accomplis

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield 26 of 2nd mo 1789 Seth Kelly and Daniel Allen by the acct from the Preparative Meeting being appointed Representatives are both Present

One of the friends appointed to inform Luke Killey &c informs that Luke has been informed according to appointmt the other friend under the appointment with whom the care of compleating the Testimony of Denial was Left not being present they are desired to exhibit it one to our next meetg

The friends appointed inform that they met and treated with Jacob Wilkinson according to appointment, and that he seemed so far sensible of the Evil of those things for which he was complained of that they thought best to wait Longer on him, that matter is refer.d under the same friends Care to our next Meeting

The friends appointed make Return that they attended the Marriage of Jonathan Farnum and Lettice Kelly and that in their Opinion it was conducted in an orderly manner and that the Certificate was deliver.d the Clerk for Recording

George Comstock informs that he has not compleated a List of the Names of the Members of the Select Meeting he is desired to make one and bring to next Monthly Meeting

The Preparative Meeting inform that they raised and Pd the Treasurer £ 2=13=1 of which he is directed to pay our Proportion of the yearly Meetings stock to the yearly meetgs Treasurer

Our friend Stephen Buffinton attended this meeting and produced a Copy of a minute from Acoakset Meetg 17 of 1o mo 1789 expressive of their Unity with ~~him &~~ his publick appear=ance and with his making a Visit ~~here~~away, which being read is, with his Company and Service acceptable to this meetg

Elisha Killey sent an Information to this Meeting that he has informd Ahaz Allen of his Denial and Right of Appeal

The women inform that they have disowned Elisabeth Arnon formerly Wing with which this Meeting concurs

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield 26th of 8mo 1789

By the acct from the Preparative Meeting Ananias Mowry and Elisha Thornton were appointed Repreſentatives, who being calld are both Preſent

The Queries were read in this Meeting and Anſwers thereto compoſed at the Preparative Meeting which with some smale Alteration were approved and forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting with our acct by our Repreſentatives who are George Comstock George Smith and Jonathan Mowry and they to Report to our next Meeting

The women inform that they have disowned Margaret Sylvester (formerly Chace) with which this Meetg concurs

The friend who had the care of compleating [illegible] the Testimony of Luke Killeys Denial we underſtand is abſent on a Journey that matter is referd to our next meeting

The friends appointed make the same in the caſe of Jacob Wilkinſon as at Last Month: Wherefore that matter is referd under the care of the same Committee they to report in two Months or sooner if neceſsary

George Comstock produced a List of the names of the Members of the Select Meeting within this Monthly Meetg which is inſerted in our acct to the Quarterly Meeting

Stephen Buffinton who attended our Last Meeting having alſo viſited Sundry Families within the Limits hereof to

Satisfaction the Clerk is directed to transmit a Copy of this and of the minute made at our Last Meeting on his Behalf to Acoakset Monthly Meeting

Printed general Epistles from the Last yearly Meeting at London, One for our Monthly and one for each particular Meeting being Received George Smith is appointed to read one at the Close of a first day Meeting at Mendon, and George Comstock to read one at the Close of a first day Meeting at this house

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield the 30th of 4th mo 1789. The acct. from the Preparative Meeting being presented Uriah Jillson and Wm Buffum being therein named for Representatives and called, Uriah present, William absent

Friends appointed to attend the Last Quarterly meetg inform that they attended according to Appointment

The friends who have had the care of Draughting a Testimony of the Denial of Luke Kelly having hitherto neglected the same, and the One with whom that matter was more particularly committed, having been absent from divers Monthly Meetgs of Late, and no more Prospect appearing of that matter's being accomplished than has heretofore, Benjamin heare[illegible] is appointed to assist or excite the former Comtee to discharge their Duty by our next meeting

A Certificate of Removal on behalf of Jonathan Fowler from Falmouth Monthly Meeting in Salem Quarter dated 27th 9th mo 1788 signifying their Unity with him as a Member and clearness from marriage Engagements was read and accepted.

The Preparative Meeting in their acct. inform (bein
~~there~~with acquainted by the overseers) that Joseph Wilkinson hath almost intirely forsaken our Religious meetings, hath been in the Practice of attending huskings, and once fell into a Difference with one of his associates untill they came to blows. has playd at Cards and used prophane Language, and also attended one or more Lotteries, with some other Conduct inconsistant with our Profession, and being desirous that he may be made sensible of the Evil of these things do appoint Benedict Kerrington George Smith and Ananias Mowry to meet with him and use their best Endeavors to convine him thereof, and make Return to our next Meetg

The Preparative Meeting inform; they raised and deliverd the Treasurer 3/ 10½

It appearing that this Meeting is deficient in ~~re~~ Recording Certificates &c and apprehending some more Books may be necessary, David Buffum Ananias Mowry and Chad Smith, are appointed to inspect into the Circumstances and Report to our next meetg

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield 28th 5th mo 1789: The meeting being conven the Representatives named in the acct from the Preparative Meeting are Chad Smith and David Buffum both present

The Clerk being as we are informed necesarily absent George Arnold is desired to write for the meeting this time. Wm Buffum informs that his not attending last monthly meetg was owing to Indisposition of Body

Friends to inform Luke Kelly of his Denial &c and draw a Testimony of his denial, report they have inform they have inform'd him, and brought a Testimony which is approved of and signed, and that one of them has been necessarily absent several Monthly Meetings past -, otherwise Report might have been sooner made

The friends appointed to treat with Joseph Wilkinson inform that they have had an Opportunity with him, and think well that matter be continued longer the same is refer'd to next Monthly Meeting they then to Report

The Comtee appointed to inspect into the Circumstances of our Record books, Report, that they think two books more are necessary for the use of this Meeting, One of 8 Quire and one of 5 Quire, and Wm Buffum and Chad Smith, are appointed to procure the same, and Report to our next meeting

A Certificate on behalf of Benjamin Gaskill, wife and Children was read to Satisfaction

The Comtee to visit Jacob Wilkinson continued in the third Month, Report, that they think best that, that matter be continued untill next Monthly meetg which is continued accordingly they then to Report

The Visitors made Report in writing to this - Meeting which is accepted and is as follows

To Smithfield Monthly meetg to be held 28th 5th month 1789. We being under the appointment of Visitors in this Meeting have visited divers families as we found ourselves most inclined but have never made a general visit thro: the meeting. and the new appointment of visitors is refer'd to our next meeting

This Meeting recd the following Extract from the Meetg for Sufferings viz

Proposals for reprinting by subscription an approvd correct Edition of the old and new Testament with the Apocrypha and Marginal Notes in a quarto Volume being submitted to the Consideration of this meetg by the Printer Isaac Collins of Trenton, and it appearing upon weighty Consideration that such and undertaking is highly interesting to the People of this Country and if duly executed will prove of real advantage, It also appearing that our friends of the Meeting for Suffering in Philadelphia, with many others have approvd and encouraged the said Printer, as a suitable person for the said undertaking; this Meeting, being desirous as far as lies with us to encourage so useful a work, do unitedly recommend it to the Monthly Meetings within this yearly Meetg to appoint suitable persons to promote and receive Subscriptions agreeable to the Tenor of said Proposals, and to forward the same to this Meetg as soon as may be, in order to be forwarded to said Printer

And the Clerk is desired to forward him a Copy of this Minute to be distributed with the Proposals ——

Extracted from the Minutes of a Meetg for Sufferings held at East Greenwich for New England the 8th of the 4th mo 1789

Copy Thomas Arnold Clerk

Whereupon Chad Smith and Benja Pearce are appointed to collect subscriptions agreeable thereto and make Report to next Monthly meetg

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At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield 25th of 6th month 1789: The acct from the Preparative Meetg being presented Joseph Comstock and George Arnold named therein for Representatives being called are both present

One of the Comtee to Labor with Joseph Wilkinson informs that they have not met with him, since last monthly Meeting, by Reaſon of the other two having been neceſsarily so much abroad since, that matter is referd to our next meeting under the same friends Care

Friends appointed inform that they have not procured the two books for this Meetings use, they are deſired to procure the same by our next meeting

The Comtee to viſit Jacob Wilkinson Report that they have had another Opportunity with him and as he seems somewhat senſible of his Errors, think best, that matter be still referd; it is accordingly continued under the care of the same Comtee, they to report in three Months or sooner if neceſsary

The appointing of Visitors is referd to our next meeting

The friends appointed to collect Subſcriptions for the Bibles proposed to be printed by Isaac Collins of Trenton inform that they have not yet procured any but are in Expectation that several will subſcribe they are deſired to continue their care and report to our next meeting

The Queries with Anſwers thereto from the Preparative Meeting were read and with some small Alterations were approved of and inſerted in an acct to the Quarterly meeting and Committed to the care Seth Kelly Rufus Smith Joseph

Comstock and Daniel Allen who are appointed our Representatives to that Meeting and they to report to our next Meeting

Our friend Zechariah Ferriss attended this Meeting and produced a Certificate from a Monthly Meeting in Wilmington in New Castle County on Delaware held 15th 4th mo 1789 which was read to Satisfaction, his Service both in the Ministry and in the Discipline having been truly acceptable

And Our friend Robert Johnson his Companion also attended this Meeting a produced a Certificate from said Wilmington Monthly Meeting dated 13th 5 mo 1789 which was read to Satisfacton his Company and Service among us having been truly acceptable

George Arnold William Buffum and David Moony are appointed to procure horsekeeping for the ensuing Quarterly Meeting to be held at this house and make Return to our next Meeting of the Expence

A Certificate from Providence Monthly meetg on behalf of Walter Walker wife and family having been presented to this Meeting some Months ago which not being fully Satisfactory, as one Son therein named has never resided in this Meetg and Walter,s not having gaind a Settlement there &c we think best not to accept of said Certificate, and the Clerk is directed to send a Copy of this minute with the Certificate to Providence Monthly Meeting

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield 30th 7th mo 1789 Daniel Allen and William Buffum as named in named in the acct from the Preparative for Representatives being called are both preſent

The Comtee in the Caſe of Joſeph Wilkinſon Report that they have met with him again, and that he confeſſes he has been in all the misconduct complained of, and gives no Encouragement of Reforming, yet this Meeting being Loth to disown him, refers his caſe under the care of the same Comtee untill our next meeting

Friends appointed inform that the books for the use of this Meeting are agreed for, but not yet come to hand

The appointment of Visitors coming under Considera=tion, and it seeming best, that, that matter be refer'd to our next Meeting it is refer'd accordingly

Friends appointed to collect Subſcriptions for the Bibles inform that one has Subſcribed, and more are expected and they are deſired to continue their care and make Return to our next Meeting

Received an Epistle from our Last Quarterly Meeting and one from the Last yearly Meeting together with extracts from their minutes, in which it is adviſed that, when Comtees make a verbal Report in any of our Meetings, they all that are preſent stand up thereby to give their Aſsent & the reading the yearly meeting Epistle is refer'd to our next Meeting

Received Information in writing from the Meeting for Sufferings, that a book entituled Piety promoted is about to be reprinted in England by Subſcription Jonathan Mowry George Arnold George

Smith Junr and William Buffum are appointed to collect Subſcriptions and make Return to our next meetg

The Comtee a conſiderable time paſt appointed to Conſider of the dying sayings Suſanna Comstock now make the following Return

We your Comtee to view and conſider of the dying sayings of Suſanna Comstock conſidering all Circumſtances are of Opinion that it may be best to preſerve some of them and that the Monthly meeting make out such a Testimony of her, as the nature of the Case will admit, and forward the same to the Quarterly Meeting which is accepted, and George Smith Elisha Thornton William Buffum and George Arnold are appointed to unite with a Comtee of women friends for that service, and make Return to our next meetg

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield the 27th of 8th mo 1789— George Smith and Jonathan Mowry being named in the acct from the Preparative Meeting as Repreſentatives are both preſent

The Comtee in the caſe of Joſeph Wilkinſon Report that they have again met with him and that he deſires friends to wait Longer on him, and some friends having some degree of hope his caſe is referd to our next meeting under the same friends care

Friends appointed inform that they have procured two books for the use of this meeting, but that one of them was not so Large as was Spoken for, so that the price is unknown and they are deſired to find the price, and lay the same before our next Meeting: and George Arnold Elisha Thornton Rufus Smith and

William Buffum are appointed to inspect the Papers not recorded, and inform at our next Meeting what is best to record in them books as alſo who would be suitable for a Register

The appointing of Visitors coming again under Conſi=deration, Elisha Thornton and George Smith are appointed for that service the year enſuing and the Conſideration of an Additional appointment is refer'd to our next meeting

The Comtee to draw a Testimony of Suſanna Comstock with an acct of her dying sayings presented one which being read is refer.d to our next meeting for further Conſideration

Friends appointed to collect Subſcriptions for the bibles inform that one more has subſcribed, and several more are expected and the Comtee is to inform at our next meeting of what further progreſs may be made

Friends appointed to provide horſe keeping at Last Quarterly Meeting, produced an acct of the expence which £ 3=10=4 and the Preparative meeting is directed to collect the money and deliver to our Treaſr and send an acct thereof to our next Meetg and the Treaſr is directed to pay said acct

Friends appointed to collect Subſcriptions for the book called Piety promoted inform that some few have Subſcribed, and they are deſired to continue their care in that matter, and make Report seaſonably

The Epistle from Last yearly meeting was now read

George Smith is deſired to read the Testimony of Luke Kelly,s denial at the Cloſe of a firſt day meeting at

Mendon

At a Monthly meeting held at Smithfield 24th of 9th mo 1789 the acct from the Preparative meeting being presented David Buffum and George Arnold named therein for Representatives are both present

The Preparative Meeting inform that Jonathan Sayles requested to be under the care of Friends and he being admitted into this Meeting and continuing his Request George Smith Joseph Comstock and George Comstock are appointed to take a Solid Opportunity with him and endeavor to feel after the motives of of his Request and Suitableness of his being a member of Society and make Return to our next meeting

A Certificate from Uxbridge on behalf of Thos Owen who has removed from that to this monthly meetg was presented which not being fully satisfactory Ananias Mowry and Benedict Remington are appointed to inform that Monthly Meeting the Reasons thereof and Return the Certificate

The Certificate from Providence Monthly meetg on behalf of Walter Walker wife and family with a Letter accompanying and further explaining the same was returned which are referd to our next Meeting for further Consideration

The Queries with Answers thereto from the Preparative Meeting were read in this Meeting and approved of and with an acct Subjoined were sent forward to next Quarterly Meeting by our Representatives who are Seth Kelly Benedict Remington and Chad Smith and they to make Return to our next Meeting

The Comtee in the Case of Joseph Wilkinson inform that they have revisited him, and think best that he be disowned Which agreeing with the Sense of this Meeting he is disowned accordingly and George Arnold and William Arnold are appointed to inform him thereof and of his Right of Appeal and draw a Testimony of his denial and bring to our next Meeting

The Testimony of Susanna Comstock with the acct of her dying sayings being again read, after a Solid Consideration was approved of and Signed by the Clerk on behalf of this Meeting and also by the Clerk of the womens meetg and forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting by our Representatives above named and the Clerk is directed to preserve a Copy

The friends to inspect the Papers and consider of a Register make the following Report

We your Comtee to inspect the Papers in the Clerks office and advise in Respect to recording them have met and advise that Papers of acknowledgement, Testimonies of Denial Certificates of Removal to and from the meetg and of friends that Travel in the Ministry Letters of Correspondance with other Meetgs be recorded in the Largest book lately procured— And that Epistles of Advice and Conclusions of the yearly and Quarterly Meetings be recorded in the smallest book lately procured— As to Suffering Cases when any accrue that then a book be provided for that purpose— and we propose David Mowry for Register

which is accepted and David Mowry is appointed Register accordingly

The Remainder of the business is referd to next meetg

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield 29th of 10th mo 1789 the acct from the Preparative Meeting was preſent=ed, George Smith and Walter Allen named therein for Repreſentatives being called, Walter is preſent, George not preſent, and is we are informed gone a Journey & was expected to have been at home before this Meetg

One of the Comtee to meet with Jonathan Sayles on acct of his Request inform, that they have met with him, but not ready to make Report, that Caſe is refer'd to our next Meetg under the same friends care

An Additional Appointment of Visitors being Consider'd in this Meeting David Buffum is added to Friends already appointed for that Service

Friends appointed to collect Subſcriptions for Bibles inform that seven are Subſcribed for, and they are continued for that service, and to send an acct of the Number of Subſcribers and the Money to the meeting for Sufferings and to make Report ſeaſonably

The Comtee to treat with Jacob Wilkinson Report that they having continued their care towards him his Diſposition appears to be such as makes it neceſsary to disown him, and this meeting not finding any more Labor required do disown Unity with him as a Member, and Elisha Thornton and George Comstock are appointed to inform him thereof and of his Right of Appeal, and draw a Testimony of his Denial and make Return to our next meeting

This meeting is informed that the Testimony of Luke Kelly's Denial has been read at Mendon

The Certificate on behalf of Walter Walker wife and family and Letter accompanying the same were again read and as the Certificate imports that they have not gained a Settlement in that Meeting but having a Right of Membership in Society belonging to Uxbridge Monthly meetg said Certificate is in that Sense accepted

The Comtee in the Case of Joseph Wilkinson inform that he is informed of his Denial and Right of Appeal & they presented a Testimony of his Denial which being read with some small Alterations was approv'd and Signed

Friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting inform that they attended according to Appointment

The Quarterly Meeting sent an acct. of our proportion of the Yearly Meeting Stock for this year which is £2:8:7 which our Treasurer is directed to pay to the yearly meetg Treasurer and take his Receipt, And the Preparative meeting is directed to raise the Mony and Supply our Treasury

Wm. Buffum and Chad Smith inform that the price of the books lately purchased for Recording is £1.5.0 which the Preparative Meeting is desired to collect

A Certificate on behalf of Delwyn Smith son of James, from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting was read and accepted

The Preparative Meeting inform that they raised and deliver'd the Treasr. £1=18=0

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield the 26th 11th mo 1789. The acct. from the Preparative Meeting being presented the Representatives therein named are Chad Smith and Jacob Bartlet who being called are both present

The Clerk being absent on acct. of Indisposition of body
Chad Smith is appointed Clerk for the day

The Comtee in the Case of Jonathan Sayles made Report, that they think well of his being accepted a member of this Meeting and this Meeting receives accordingly

The Comtee to inform Jacob Wilkinson of his Denial &c are not ready to Report, they are desired to attend to their Appointment and Report to our next meetg

The time being expired for which the Overseers were appointed Seth Kelly, Jonathan Mowry and Daniel Allen are appointed for that Service the year ensuing with Such other friends as may be named at next Monthly Meetg

The Preparative Meeting in their acct. inform that Asa Arnold has been in a Neglect of the Attendance of our Religious Meetings, attended Huskings and there danced Likewise departed from plainess of Speech Behaviour & Apparrel, Whereupon we appoint Benedict Remington and George Smith to take a solid Opportunity with him and Labor with him for his Return and Report to our next meetg

The Preparative Meeting Likewise informed that Israel Arnold hath departed from plainess of Speech ~~Behavior~~ and Apparrel, hath attended Huskings and there danced, whereupon we appoint Uriah Jillson Wm Buffum and Benja Pearce, to take a solid Opportunity with him and endeavor to shew him the Evil of such Conduct and make Report to our next Meetg

The Preparative Meetg also inform that Seth Kelly Junr is Company keeping on acct of marriage with one out of our Society We appoint Elisha Thornton Nehemiah Sprague and Joseph Comstock to Labor with him as way may open and Report to our next Meeting

The Preparative Meetg raised and deliver'd the Treasr £1=9=3½

The women requested the Assistance of this Meeting in respect to Laboring with Lydia Kelly and Hannah Kelly they being complain'd of, as may be seen by the womens minutes, whereupon we appoint George Smith, Elisha Thornton and Daniel Allen to join the womens Comtee and lend such Assistance as they may be enabled and Report to our next Meeting

At a Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield 31st 12th Month 1789 The acct from the Preparative Meeting being presented and Chad Smith and Jonathan Moory being therein named for Representives are both present

Three printed Copies of the general Epistle from the Last yearly Meeting in London being sent to this Meetg and one read to good Satisfaction. George Smith is desired to read one at the Close of a first day Meeting at Mendon and George Comstock is desired to read one at the close of a first day Meeting at this House, the other to be lodged with this Meetings Records and Papers

A Certificate from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting on behalf of Thomas Owens informing that he has removed into this Meeting recommending him to the care of this Meeting was read and accepted

The Queries were read in this Meeting with Answers thereto, composed at the Preparative Meeting which being approved of were inserted in an acct to the next Quarterly Meeting and committed to the Care of our Representatives who are Benedict Remington George Arnold & William Buffum to carry forward and they to make Return to our next Meeting

The friends appointed in the 8th mo. Last year to endeavor an accommodation of the dispute with Salem Monthly Meeting respecting Agnes Richards made the following Report: Your Committee for settling the affair in ~~dispute~~ in Regard to Agnes Richards with Salem Monthly Meeting together with Comtees from Uxbridge and Providence Monthly Meetings have met with a Committee from Salem Monthly Meeting for that Purpose, Rhode Island not having appointed any, it was agreed by friends of all the Committees to meet at our Last yearly meetg and submit the Case to the final Determination of some friends of Sandwich Quarter if Rhode Island Monthly Meeting should appoint a Comtee as desired And the aforesaid Committees or some of each Meeting at time & place agreed upon finding that Rhode Island had not complyed to appoint a Committee for the Purpose all further proceedings being thereby obstructed nothing more has been done in that matter: as we know of — To Smithfield Monthly Meeting

31st of 12th mo 1789

which is accepted and they are desired to continue their Care in Regard to that dispute as need shall require and Opportunity shall offer, and Wm Buffum. Geo: Arnold and Benedict Remington are added to said Committee, and they to make Report from time to time as Shall appear necessary not exceeding 3 mos;

The Comtee to inform Jacob Wilkinson of his Denial &c Report that he has been informed: And they presented and Essay of a Testimony of his denial which with some small alterations was approv:d and sign'd by the Clerk

The further appointment of Visitors is refer^d. to our next Meeting

The Comtee to treat with Asa Arnold inform that they have met with him and that he confesses the facts complain'd of. and that his state of mind was very discouraging yet some friends desiring to have an Opportunity with him his case is refer'd to our next Meeting

The Comtee in the Case of Israel Arnold made the following Report in writing— According to appointment we have taken an Oppertunity with Israel Arnold, and find that he hath been in all the Practices mentioned in the Complaint and did not manifest a Dissposition of mind to forsake them, nor even to be continued a Member of Society; which is refer'd to our next Meeting for Consideration

Two of the Comtee. in the Case of Seth Kelly Jur. inform that they have not had such a Seasonable Opportunity with him as could be desired, they are desired to further Labor with him, and Report to our next Meeting

The friends appointed to unite with a Comtee of women friends to treat and Labour with Hannah and Lydia Kelly, inform that they met the women Comtee according to Appointment. and the womens meeting inform that they have disowned the said Hannah, they having had the Approbation of this Meeting for the same

The Prepa^tive Meetg inform that they raised and pd ye trasr £1:2:3=4

George Arnold Benedict Remington and David Buffum are appointed to consider of and Report a friends name for a Clerk to this Meeting the year ensuing, the present Clerk desiring to be released

~~This Meeting rec^d the following Extract from from the Meeting for Sufferings; viz~~

~~Proposals for reprinting by Subscription an approv^d correct Edition of the of the old and new Testament with the Apocrypha and marginal notes in a quarto Volume being submitted to the Considera=tion of this Meeting by the Printer Isaac Collins of Trenton, and it appearing upon Weighty Consideration that such an undertaking is highly interesting to the People of this Country; and if duly executed will prove of real advantage, it also appearing that fr^ds of the Meeting for Sufferings in Philadelphia with many others have approv^d and encouraged the said Printer as a suitable person for the said undertaking, this~~

28-1 mo
1790

At a Monthly Meeting held Smithfield 28^th of 1^st m^o 1790 The acc^t from the Preparative meet^g being presented Seth Kelly and Zaccheus South=wick therein named for Representatives are both present

Friends appointed to attend the Last Quarterly meeting inform that they attended according to appointm^t

Friends appointed on on the Case of Agnes Richards inform that they have farther attended to that matter and produced a of a minute from Last Quarterly Meeting as follows: — The Comm^te appointed at Last Quarter upon the Complaint from Salem made the following Report viz We your Committee upon the

Complaint

Complaint from Salem, have considerd thareon, and as
Agnes Richards the poor friend therein mentioned, came
from Rhode Island, it is our Sense and Judgement it will
best for Smithfield and Rhode Island Moly Meetgs to
appoint Committees to unite with Salem Monthly Moly
Meeting in having the same settled either by Arbitration
or otherwise as they may find best— Which is accepted
and said Moly Meetgs are desired to attend speedily to that
matter in order that the same may be effected as soon as
may be, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the three
moly Meetgs above mentioned with a Copy of this minute

Copy, extracted from the minutes of a Quarterly
meeting held at Providence for Rhode Island the 7th of
the 1st mo 1790

By Benjamin Freeborn Clk

and this Meetgs Comtee is desired to attend to the Subject
accordingly

The Preparative Meeting inform that
Bernard Fowler proposed to lay his Intention of marriage with Rebecca Mowry before this Meetg and
they appeared in this Meeting, and declared their
Intention of taking each other in marriage, and
were referd to our next for an Answer

A minute from Last Quarterly Meeting
was read informing that this meetgs Proportion
of that Meetings Stock to be raised this year is £4=11=0
which the Preparative Meeting is directed to raise
and deliver to our Treasurer, and send an acct thereof
to this Meeting

The further appointment of Overseers being again consider'd, it is concluded, that, the Number already appointed is, as many as is now necessary

The friends who requested an Opportunity with Asa Arnold acquainted this Meetg that they had been with him, and relieved their minds by discharging (as they apprehend) their Duty towards him, and nothing more favorable appearing in the Case it seems best to this meetg to deny Unity with him as a Member, and he is hereby disowned accordingly and David Mowry and Chad Smith are appointed to inform him thereof, and of his Right of Appeal and draw a Testimony of his Denial and bring to our next Meeting

The Case of Israel Arnold coming again under Consideration, and being sensible that the Truth is dishonor'd by his Conduct, and no friend finding such a degree of hope as to warrant a Continuation of his Case, this meeting disowns Unity with him as a Member, David Mowry and Chad Smith are appointed to inform him thereof and of his Right appeal and draw a Testimony of his Denial and bring to our next meetg

Two of the friends inform that they have had an Opportunity with Seth Kelley Junr and think best to refer that matter to our next Meeting; it is refer'd accordingly under the same friends care

The Auditors exhibited the following acct

1st mo 10th 1790 This day Examined the Treasurer's acct and found a Ballance in his favor of £ 15: 2: 3
Also by the best Calculation we were able to make the Monthly meeting is indebted beside the Tras.r acct 6: 0: 0

Which is accepted; and the Preparative Meeting is directed to continue their Collections for discharging the same

The friends appointed inform that seven Bibles have been subscribed for and the acct thereof with the advanced money is sent forward to the Meeting for Sufferings

The Preparative Meeting inform that £1. 18 0 was raised and Dld the Treasr

The friends appointed having nominated Chad Smith for Clerk to this meeting the ensuing year and he consenting to the Appointment is appointed accordingly, and Daniel Allen, David Buffum, George Arnold, George Smith and George Comstock are appointed to receive the books and Papers belonging to this meeting and deliver such as are for the Clerks Office to Chad and such as are for the Registers Office to David Mowry our present Register

At a Monthly Mtg. of Friends held at Smithfield the 25th of the 2nd mo. 1790

The Acct from the Preparative Mtg. being Presented, the Representatives therein named are George Comstock & Jacob Bartlett, both Present

Barnard Fowler & Rebecca Mowry who were Directed at last Monthly Mtg. to this for an Answer for Marriage; No objection appearing, And he producing Consent of Parents, They Received Answer accordingly George Comstock & Daniel Allen are Appointed to attend the Marriage agreeable to our Discipline & Report to next Monthly Mtg.

The Comtee In the Caſes of Aſa & Israel Arnold have not attended to their Appointment, by Reaſon one of the Comtee haveing been Sick; They are Deſired to attend to the matter & Report to next Monthly Mtg.

The Comtee In Case of Seth Kelley Junior Inform they have had but little oppertunity with him since last Monthly Mtg. they are deſired to pay further attention to that matter & Report to next Monthly Mtg.

The Comtee appointed to Remove the Books & Papers from the former Clerk to the present & likewise to the Register Report they have attended to there Appointment but have not fully Compleated the same; They are Deſired to Compleat the same & Report to next Monthly Mtg. —

The Preparative Mtg. Inform they Raiſed & Delivered the Treaſurer £ 4"6"6½

Received Twelve Pound Two years Intreſt on a Note this Mtg. had against William Buffum the same being Indorced on Williams Note Indorced the 20th of the 2nd mo. 1790 And the Twelv Pound is Delivered Our Treaſurer.

Chad Smith Is appointed to Read the Testimonies of Denial of Joseph & Jacob Wilkinſon at the Close of a Publick Mtg. at this House at a Suitable time, & Report to next Monthly Mtg. —

At a monthly Mtg. of Friends held at Smithfield the 25th of the 3rd mo. 1790

The Acct. From the Preparative Mtg. being Presented the Repreſentatives are Joseph Comſtock & Benjamin Gaskil both preſent

The Queries were Read in this Meeting & Answers agreed to & Sent with an acct. to the Quarterly Meetg. By our Representatives Ananias Mowry Benjamin Pearce & George Comstock; They Desired to attend to their appointment & Report to next Monthly Meetg.

The Women Brot an acknowledgment from Elizabeth Bowen which after being several times Read was approved of

The Comtee In the Case of Asa & Israel Arnold Informed they paid attention to their appointment, but not Quite Ready to make full Report that Case is again Referd they to Report to next Monthly Meetg.

The Comtee to Remove the Books & Papers Inform the Difficulty of Traveling has been such since last Monthly Meetg. they have paid no further attention to that matter, they are Desired to pay attention to that matter & Report to next Meetg.

The Comtee In Case of Seth Kelley junior Inform they have been with him since last Monthly Meetg & think well of his being waited on some longer; His Case is again Referd under the Care of the same Comtee They to Report in the Fifth Month Next.

The Comtee Appointed to attend the Marriage of Bernard Fowler & Rebecca Mowry Reported in writing as follows, According to Appointment We attended the Marriage of Bernard Fowler & Rebecca Mowry; which we think

was

was conducted orderly on the part of Friends the Company who attended at the House to whic they Resorted was small & of Commendable Deportment.— The Certificate is delivered thei Register.— 18th. 3d. mo. 1790 George Comstock
Daniel Allen
Ruth Arnold

The Testimonies of Denial of Joseph & Jacob Wilkinson have not been Read as Directed; the friend is desired to Read them & make Report to next Meetg.— The Preparative Meetg. In their Account Informed that Zadok Smith Proposed laying his Intention of Marriage before this Meetg. with Rowena Comstock They appeared & Declared their Intentions of Taking each other in Marriage & were Directed to next Monthly Meetg. for an Answer; Wm. Buffum & Daniel Allen are appointed to make Inquiry Into his clearness in that Case & Report to next Meetg.

At a Monthly Meetg. of Friends held at Smithfield the 29th of the 4th mo. 1790
The Acct. from the Preparative Meetg. being present the Representatives are Uriah Jillson & Elisha Thornton Uriah Present & Elisha absent by Reason of Sickness as we are Informed.— One of the Representatives appointed to atten the last Quarterly Meetg. Reported for him self & the other Two that all attended to the Appointment.—

The Comtee to Inform Asa Arnold of his Denial & right of Appeal & Draw a Testimony at this time presented a Testimony of his Denial which after being several times Read was approved of & Signed by the Clerk, He haveing had Information according to Discipline Heretofore.

The Comtee to Inform Israel Arnold of his Denial & Right of appeal & Draw a Testimony of his Denial at this time presented one, which after being Several times Read was approved of & Signed by the Clerk He haveing heretofore had Information according to Discipline.

The Comtee to Remove the Books & papers have not Compleated their Appointment they are Desired to compleat the Same & Report to next Mtg.

The Testimonies of Denial of Joseph & Jacob Wilkinson has not been Read as Directed; The friend that had them to Read haveing been unwell Considerable time Since last Mtg therefore he is Desired to Read them & make Return to next Mtg.

Zadok (Smith & Rowena Comstock who were directed at last Monthly Mtg) to this for an Answer to Marry They appeared in this Mtg & Continued their Intention & nothing appearing to hinder their Proceeding they Rec: Answer Accordingly Walter Allen & George Smith Are appointed to attend the Marriage according as Directed by our Disipline And make Report to next Monthly Mtg.

At a Monthly Mtg of Friends held at Smithfie the 27th of the 5th Mo 1790 The account from the Preparative Mtg being Present the Representati therein named are Rufus Smith & Georg Smith Jur both present

One of the Comtee To Labour with Seth Kelley Junr Informed their had been no further Labour bestowed on Seth to his Knowledge since last Refered By Reason of Sickneſs That Case is again Refered under the Same friends Care they to Report to next Meetg.

The Comtee to Remove the Books & papers are not Ready to make full Report at this time they are Requested to attend to their Appointment & Report to next Monthly Meetg. ——

The Testimonies of Denial of Joseph & Jacob Wilkinſon have been Read as Directed. ——

The Comtee to attend the Marriage of Zadok Smith & Rowena Camſtock made Report in writing as follows, We of the Comtee appointed to overſee the Marriage of Zadok Smith & Rowena Camſtock, Report That we attended according to appointment, And think the same conducted orderly & becoming Their Certificate Delivered the Recorder

13th 5th mo 1790

George Smith
Walter Allen
Deborah Mowry.

The preparative Meeting Informed they Raised & Delivered the Treaſurer £0.5s.7d.1/2. ——

This Meetg was Informed that the Monthly Meetg is considerable in Debt; The preparative Meetg is Directed to make a Subſcription for the purpose of paying the Meetgs Debts

Benjamin Gaskil having Removed back to Uxbridge with his Family (Excepting his son Ezekiel) Uriah Jillson & George Arnold are appointed to take the necessary care in that Case & Report to next Monthly Metg.

A Certificate on behalf of Samuel Dow from Uxbridge Monthly Metg. was at this time Received

Jonathan Mowry is appointed In behalf of this Metg. to Receive the Subscriptions from the rest of the Comtee. Appointed to collect Subscriptions for the new Edition of the book called Piety Promoted; & send an acct. thereof to the next Metg. for Sufferings: also an acct. to this Metg.—

24-6 mo
1790

At a Monthly Metg. of friends held at Smithfield the 24th of the 6th mo. 1790

The acct. from the preparative Metg. being present the Representatives therein named are Jonathan Sayles & Elisha Thornton both present

Our Friend Joshua Brown attended this Metg. and produced a Certificate from Notingham Monthly Metg. held the 30th of the 1st mo. 1790 with a Concuring Certificate from a Quarterly Metg. held at London Grove in Chester County Pensylvania 16th 2nd mo. 1790 which was Read to Satisfaction His Company & Service Comfortable & Edyfying.

Also Our Friend Benjamin Sweet attended this Metg. with a Certificate from Hadonfield Monthly Metg.

Mtg in N. Jersey dated the 10th of the 5th mo 1790 Also a Concuring One from a Quarterly Mtg held at Salem for Gloucester the 17th 5th mo 1790 which was Read to satisfaction His company & service was Comfortable & Edyfying.——

Also Our Friend Jacob Maule Companion for Our Friend Joshua Brown attended this Mtg with a Certificate from a Monthly Mtg of Haverford held at Merion Pensylvania 14th of the 5th mo 1790 & his Company acceptable.——

The Comtee In Caſe of Seth Kelley Junior Report they have paid Seth another visit & think it safe it be Refer'd still longer, It is Refer'd accordingly under the care of the same friends they to Report to next Monthly Mtg.——

The Comtee to Remove the Books & Papers Report they have fulfilled there Appointmet.——

The Comtee In Case of Benjamin Gaskill & Family Removeing back to uxbride Inform they have attended to their appointment, & find he has not quite settled his affairs so as to have a Certificate at this time, the Comtee is Continued to attend to that matter & Report to next Monthly Mtg.——

Jonathan Mowry Reports He Collected the Subſcription as directed at last Month, & the Subscriptions not being sent forward, Friends are desired to Still Continue their endeavours to further said Subſcription.—

The preparative Mtg In their account Informing that Timothy Chase hath mostly kept of attending our Mtgs for Worship & wholly for Discipline, & does not keep to plainneſs Our Friends Uriah Jillſon Jonathan Sayles Rufus Smith & Benjamin Pearce are appointed to labour with him, for his Reſtoration & Return & Report to next Monthly Mtg.——

The Preparative Meetg Informed that Samuel Dow proposed Laying his Intentions of Marriage before this with Cyntha Harkness, consent of Parents being obtained they accordingly appeared in this Meetg & Declared their said Intentions, & were Directed to next Monthly Meetg for an Ansr David Mowry & Zacheus Southwick are appointed are appointed to make what Enquiry seems necessary in sd Case & Report to next Monthly Meetg ——

—— Recd the following Minute from the Yearly Meetg as follows Rhode-Island Quarterly Meetg having Desird some alteration in the time & places of holding Two of their Meetgs It was considered, & agreable to their request It is concluded that for One year that Meetgs which has usually been held at Smithfield upper Meetg House in the Seventh Month be held at Portsmouth the 5th day before the second 6th-day in the 8th mo & that at Portsmouth in 10th mo be held at same time at said Smithfield and it is concluded that their next Meetg be held agreeable to the above conclusion & the Clerk is directed to forward to that Quarter & to each monthly Meetg therein a Copy of this minute for their Goverment.- Copy Extracted from the minutes of Rhode-Island yearly Meetg 6th mo 1790

William Rotch Junior Clerk

The preparative Meetg Informed they Raised & Delivered the Treasurer £ 1..2s. ——

Thomas Owen Informed this Meetg he had Removed back within the verge of Uxbridge Monthly Meetg & Desires a Certificate Chad Smith & Wm Buffum are appointed to Enquire in to Thomas's Circumstances &c. & Report to next Monthly Meeting. ——

At a Monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield the 29th of the 7th mo 1790 The acct from the Preparative Meetg being present the Representatives therein named are David Buffum & Jonathan Mowry both present

Our Friend Hugh Judge attended this Meetg & produced a Certificate from a Monthly Meetg of Wilmington New Castle County On Deleware held 13th 1st mo 1790 Also a Concuring one from a Quarterly Meetg held at concord In Deleware County Pensylvania 8th of the 2nd mo 1790 both which was Read to Satisfaction & his Company & Labours Among us Truly acceptable.

Our Friend James Mott attended this Meetg Companion for Our Friend Hugh Judge, & produced a Coppy of a minute from a Monthly Meetg held for the Purchase 10th of the 6th mo 1790 & his Company Truly acceptable.

The Queries were Read in this Meetg & Answers agreed on, & Inserted in an account to the Quarterly Meetg & sent forward by our Representatives George Comstock David Mowry & Zaccheus Southwick who are Desired to pay attention to their appointment & Report to next Monthly Meetg.

One of the Comtee to Labour with Seth Kelley Jr Informin that they were disappointed haveing an oppertunity with Seth since last month that matter is Referd under the the care of the same Friends they to Report to neat Meetg

The Friends Appointed to Enquiry into Samuel Dows Clea
neſs in Respect to marriage Engagements Report that there has nothing appeared to hinder his proceeding in Marriage with Cyntha Harkneſs as proposd last month, they appeared in this Meetg & Recd Answr accordingly Walter Allen & Nehemiah Sprage Are appointed to attend Said Marriage & see thei Certificate Delived for Recording & Report to neat

The Comtee that had the care of Benjamin Gaskil & Fam Removeing ~~Inform~~ that the same objection as at last month still Remains unmoved, therefore that matter is Referd to next Mttg under the care of the same friends they then to Reporpt.

The Comtee Appointed last month to Labour with Timo Chase Report that they think well of that matter being Referd It is Referd accordingly under the Care of the same Comtee they to Report to next Mttg.

The Friends to have the care of Thomas Owen's Remova made Report, not to the satisfaction of this Mttg they are Desired to take the matter back & Report to next Mttg.

The Preparative Mttg Informed they Rais'd & Deliverd David Buffum £1..5..11.½ & David Directed to Deliver the the Treasurer & David Informs 'tis done.

At a Monthly Mttg of Friends held at Smithfield the 26th of the 2nd mo 1790. The preparative Mttg acct being Present the Representatives thereon nam are Daniel Allen & Benedict Remington both p

The Representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly Mttg Report they all attended And there are some Extract they omitted bringing to this Mttg they are Desired to bring them to next Monthly Mttg.

Two of the Comtee to Labour with Seth Kelley Jr Report they have paid Seth another visit & think there is some Encouragement of Seths making Satisfaction & Desire the matter to be Referd one month longer 'tis Referd accordingly & the Comtee to Report to next Mttg.

The Comtee to attend the Marriage of Samuel Dow & Cynthia Harkness Report in writing as follows

— The Comtee that had the care of Benjamin Gaſkil & family Removeing to uxbridge, at this time presented a Certificate on their behalf, which being read approved of & Signed by the Clerk of this & the Womens Meetg And ordered to be Recorded & sent forward. —

— The Comtee to Labour with Timothy Chase Informing that they had not obtaind any further oppertunity with him since last month (tho sought for) they are Desired to seek another appertunity & Report his State to next Monthly Meetg.

— The Comtee that had the care of Thomas Owen's Removeing to uxbridge, Now presented a Certificate on his behalf which being approved of was Signed by the Clerk & ordered Recorded & sent forward. —

— Our Friends Elisabeth Drinker attended this Meetg & produced a Certificate from Philadelphia Monthly Meetg Held 30th of the 4th mo 1790 which was read & her Company & Services to Satisfaction. Also Our Friend Hannah Yerkes attended this Meetg Companion for Our Friend Elizabeth Drinker & Produced a Certificate from a Monthly Meetg of Philadelphia for northern District held the 25th of the 5th mo 1790, which was read to Satisfaction & her company acceptable. —

— The Preparative Meetg Informing that Jonathan Fowler Requests a Certificate from this Meetg to uxbridge Monthly Meetg on acct of Marriage George Comstock Benedict Remington & William Buffum are appointed to make what Enquiry seems necessary & if they find nothing to hinder his haveing a Certificate to present one to next Monthly Meetg —

— The Preparative Meetg Inform that they Paid & Delivered the Treasurer £0:3:0 —

At a Monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield the 30th of the 9th mo. 1790 The acct. from the Preparative Meetg being George Comstock and David Harvey are named therein for Representatives both present.

The Preparative Meetg Inform that John Allen Requested the care of Friends at that Meetg & he being admitted into this Meetg continued his Request; whereupon George Comstock Elisha Thornton & Seth Kelley are appointed to take a solid opportunity with him on that acct & endeavour to feel after the suitableness of his being a member of Society & Report to our next Meetg —

The Preparative Meetg also Informed that Douglas Marsh Requested at that Meetg to be under the care of Friends; & he being admitted into this Meetg continuing his Request Jonathan Harvey Isaiah Comstock George Smith & Rufus Smith are appointed to take a solid opportunity with him & endeavour to feel after the suitableness of his being a member of Society & Report to next Meetg

The Representatives to last Qrly. Meetg produced the Extracts mentioned in our minutes of last mo. which are one of an Epistle from the yearly Meetg in Philadelphia, & one from Westborough with extracts of Two minutes of that Quarterly Meetg which are Directed to be Recorded after having been Read; & a Copy of a minute Informing that £ 11.10.0 is our Proportion of the yearly Meetg Stock for the year 1790 which the preparative Meetg is Requested to raise & send up to our Treasurer & an acct to this Meetg.

A Certificate from Somerset Monthly Meetg Dated 14th 8th mo. 1790 Recommending Stephen Chace son of Benjn. Chace
Read & accepted

The Queries were Read in this Meetg with Answers composed at the Preparative Meetg which with amendments being approved are inserted in Our acct to the Quarterly Meetg & comitted to the care of David Buffum Rufus Smith & Walter Allen Our Representatives to that Meetg & they to Report to Our next Meetg —

Two of the Comtee In case of Seth Kelley Jr inform that they have taken another opportunity with him & think it would be well to accept paper of acknowledgment he by them sent to this Meetg he appearing to them to be sincere in Condemning his misconduct, which being Read after Consideration thereon it is accepted & ordered to be Recorded & George Comstock is appointed to Read the same at the close of a meetg at Mendon & Report. —

Two of the Comtee in case of Timothy Chase Report that they have made him a nother visit & that he appeared to be in a very poor & insensible State of mind & that they find no encouragement for further Labour, & after deliberate consideration it seems well to this Meetg to disown unity as a member with him, & he is hereby Disowned accordingly & Benedict Remington & George Smith is appointed to inform him thereof & of his Right of appeal

The Friends appointed to enquire into Jonathan Fowler's clearness in Respect to marriage brought a Certificate on his behalf which was Read approved of & sign'd by the Clerk —

Joseph Comstock Walter Allen & Nehemiah Sprague Are appointed to make the necessary Provision for Horse Keeping at the next Quarterly Meetg to be held at this House next week & Report the Expence thereof to next monthly Meetg. —

The Preparative Meetg Informed they have delivered the Treasurer 4/6

At a Monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield the 28th of the 10th mo. 1790 The Preparative Meetg acct. being Present Zacheus Southwick & Jonathan Sayles are therein named for Representatives both present

Two of the Comtee appointed last mo. to have an opportunity with John Man on his Requesting the care of Friends (the other one being necessarily absent) Report that they have had an opportunity with him & think well of his being a member of Society & no objection appearing in this Meetg; nor in the Womens he is Recd accordingly

The Comtee to have an opportunity with Douglas Marsh on his Request to become a member of Society, Report that they have had an opportunity with him to pretty good satisfaction; but a person not a Member of Society throing some objection in the way of his being admitted a Member at this time: Tis Referd for the objection to be cleared up & the Comtee to have the care thereof & Report to next Meetg.

This Meetg Receiving a Request in Writing from Thomas Green of Dartmouth Near Hallifax for a Certificate to Nantucket Monthly Meetg. This Meetg appoints Wm. Buffum George Comstock & Jonathan Mowry to take that matter into Consideration & if nothing appears to hinder his having a Certificate to Report one to next Monthly Meetg

The Representatives appointed to attend the Qrly Meetg Report they all attended, & they Presenting Transcripts of Epistles One from our last yearly Meetg & a written One from the yearly Meetg of London, that from our yearly Meetg was Read to good satisfaction, the Reading of the other Referd to next

Meeting

[illegible] a Comt. Report he read the [illegible]
[illegible] Miller [illegible]
The Comt. to inform [illegible] of his
[illegible] Report they have not [illegible]
[illegible], they are Continued to inform him & report
to next Mutg.
The Comt. to make provision for [illegible]
at the [illegible] Mutg. Reported [illegible]
[illegible] next Mutg.
The Representatives [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] Monthly Mutg of Friends held at
[illegible] the 11th mo [illegible]
from the [illegible] Mutg. being present [illegible]
[illegible]
named for Representatives [illegible]
The Case of Douglas Marsh Referd from last
Mutg. coming under consideration the comtee
report that the objection is cleared up to satis-
faction & Friends [illegible] may be safe [illegible]
him a Member & no objection arising in this
Mutg. & the Womens approbation being he is
Received accordingly
The Comt. to have the case of Thomas [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Reported a Certificate which [illegible]
[illegible] to next [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Thos which is Referd also & the same Comtee
[illegible]
[illegible]

The Women Informs they had concluded to Disown Hannah Southwick with which this Mettg concurs—

The London Written Epistle for the year 1789 [illegible] Mettg has been Read to good satisfaction at this time.—

The Comtee. to Inform Timothy Chase of his Denial &c. report he is Informed as Directed.—

The matter refered from last mo. in respect to Horse keeping at the Quarterly Mettg is again considered and the sum agreed on by our Comtee which is £.2..12..0 is ordered to be sent to the Quarterly Mettgs. Treasurer for him to pay & the Clerk is Directed to furnish Walter Allen who is appointed to Receive the same with an order therefor.—

The Preparative Mettg Informed they Raised & Delivered the Treasurer £5..1..10.—

At a Monthly Mettg of Friends held at Smith=field the 30th of the 12th mo. 1790.

The Preparative Mettg acct. being present Walter Allen & Uriah Jillson are therein named for Representatives & both present.—

The Queries & Answers that were composed at the Preparative Mettg has been Read & with some small alterations was approved of & sent to the Quarterly Mettg with our acct. By our Representatives George Arnold David Mowry & Benja. Pearce & they are Desired to pay attention to their appointment & Report to next Mettg.—

This Mettg Receiving a paper from a number of Friends in Gloucester Desiring the Attention of this Mettg In Respect to an alteration of the line between this & Uxbridge Monthly Mettg. An

And building a Meetg House, & as part of the friends belong to Uxbridge Monthly Meetg We appoint Walter Allen George Comstock Benedict Remington William Buffum & George Smith To unite with a Comtee of Uxbridge Monthly Meetg if they see cause to appoint one, To consider what may be best, in Regard to an alteration in the Line between this & that Monthly Meetg & to lay what what may seem best to them before the Quarterly Meetgs Comtee for settling the lines between the Monthly Meetgs, & the clerk is Directed to lay a Copy of this minute before Uxbridge Monthly Meetg to morrow —

The Preparative Meetg Informed that Jonathan Fowler proposed Laying his Intentions of Marriage before this Meetg With Anna Chase, & consent of Parents being produced, They appeared in this Meetg & Declared their sd Intentions, & were directed to next Monthly Meetg for an answer & George Smith George Arnold & Chad Smith, Are appointed to Inspect all circumstances Relating sd Case & Report to next Meetg — The Comtee that had the care of Thomas Greenes having a Certificate &c, Reported a Certificate which was approved of & signed by the clerk & ordered Recorded & sent forward; And his Salutation they think best it be Recorded after another Reading at Next Monthly Meetg —

The Preparative Meetg sent the following complain

This may certify that William Arnold of Smithfield Oweth me a considerable Sum of money & neglecteth to pay the same tho' Divers times Requested thereto which I think best to Inform the Monthly Meetg of
Smithfield ye 12th mo 1790 Faust Arnold

Whereupon David Buffum George Smith & Elisha Thornton Are appointed to Labour with the said William Arnold that he comply to fulfill his contract & Report to next Meetg.

The preparative Meetg Informed that Daniel Allen Proposed Removeing with Family within the verge of Warwick Monthly Meetg & Desires the advice of this Meetg Therefore we appoint Jonathan Mowry Nehemiah Sprague & David Mowry to advise with Daniel, & if nothing appears to hinder his having a Certificate to present one to next Meetg. The Preparative Meetg Informed they Laid & Delivered the Treasurer £1..7s

711 At a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield the 27th of the 1st mo 1791, The Preparative Meetg all being present the Representatives therein named are Jacob Bartlett & Uriah Gillson both present.

The Representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly Meetg Report they all attended according to appointment.

The Comtee appointed last mo to meet a Comtee of Uxbridge Monthly Meetg Report they paid attention to their appointment.

Our Friend Stephen Buffinton attended this Meetg with a Copy of a minute from acoaxet Monthly Meetg held the 18th of the 12th mo 1790 And his company & Labour to Satisfaction.

The Women presented an acknowledgement from Margaret Sylvester which not being to satisfaction We appoint George Comstock David Buffum & Rufus Smith to take the matter Into consideration & treat with the Women in Respect to sd acknowledgement & extend

Such labour (if any) as may appear best. Also the Women Presented a paper of Denial againſt Hannah Southwick, not being to Satiſfaction is also committed to the care of the above Comtee & they to Report to next Mtg.

The Comtee to Enquire Into Jonathan Fowlers clearneſs in Reſpect to marriage Report in wri=-ting as follows, We your Comtee to Enquire Into Jonathan Fowlers clearneſs in Reſpect to Marriage &c. Report Notwithſtanding his so lately applying for & haveing a Certificate Granted to Uxbridge Monthly Mtg for the same Deſign, We find nothing to hinder his now proceeding to marry here as proposed last mo.

At Smithfield Monthly Mtg to be } George Smith
held the 27th 1st mo. 1796 } George Arnold
Chad Smith

Whereupon he the said Jonathan with Anna Chas
appeared in this Mtg & Received their Anſwer for Marriage. Annanias Mowry & Chad Smith Are appointed to attend the completion of the sd Marriage & Deliver the Certificate for Recording & Report to next Mtg.

The Subſtance of Thomas Greenes Salutation Referd from last mo. has been Read at this time to a good Degree of Satiſfaction & is ordered to be Recorded.

The Comtee to labour with William Arnold Report that they have paid attention to their appointment & Wm has made some payment yet not altogether to the satisfaction of his creditor, The Comtee are therefore continued to extend what further labour may appear best & Report to next Mtg.

The Comtee to adviſe with Daniel Allen in Reſpect to moveing Report that they have Diſcourſed With Daniel & nothing appears to hinder his

Removing; he is left at Liberty to proceed as way may open, & as all matters are not yet settled so as a Certificate to be now Granted the Comtee are continued to further assist, and bring a Certificate to next Mettg if nothing appears to hinder.

The Preparative Mettg Informed that Ezekiel Gaskil has Returned to uxbridge without certificate Whereupon George Smith Junior & George Arnold are appointed to Enquire into his circumstances & if nothing appears against his having a Certificate to present one to next Mettg

The Preparative Mettg Informed that they Raised & Delivered the Treasurer £1..8..9

The time for which the Present overseers were appointed being expired a new choice is Referd to next Mettg & they Desired to take care in that Respect till that time.

The time being expired for which the clerk was appointed Jonathan Mowry George Arnold & Wm Buffum, Are appointed to consider who may be suitable for the year Ensuing & Report to next Mettg.

At a Monthly Mettg of Friends held at Smithfiel the 24th of the 2nd Month 1791 The acct from Preparative Mettg being presented David Mowry & Zacheus Southwick being named therein for Representatives; are cald Zacheus present & Dav absent, by Reason of Indisposition of Body as this Mettg is Informed

Four

Four Printed General Epistles from the Yearly Mtg of London last year, was sent to this Mtg. & one of them being Read to satisfaction, & we hope the advice therein contained may be Remembred, & the further Disposal of sd Epistles is Deferd to some futer time.

The friends appointed to take the matters sent from the Women; In Respect to Margaret Sylvester & Hannah Southwick, Report In Respect to Margaret Sylvester, that they have not pd attention to that Matter by Reason of some Indisposition In one of the Comtee since Last mo. The other matter in Respect to Hannah Southwick a Testimony of Denial was presented & Read approved of & sent to the Women

The Comtee to attend the Marriage of Jonathan Fowler Report that they attended the Marriage as directed & did not discover but what it was conducted orderly, but have not Dd the Certificate for Record by Reason of the absence of the Registor they are desired to Deliver it & Report to next Mtg.

One of the Comtee to Labour with Wm Arnold being present Informed that have been Disappointed of an opportunity with Wm by Reason of one of them not attending at a time fixed, They are Desired to pay attention to that matter & Report to next Monthly Mtg.

One of the Comtee to take care in the case of Danl Allens Removal & preparing a Certificate Report, that care has been taken & the way appearing ~~open~~ for him, to have a Certificate they prepared one accordingly which was left in the hands of one of the Comtee who is absent therefor sd Comtee are Directed to bring sd Certificate to our next Mtg.

George Smith Junior Reports that there has been enquiry made in Respect to Ezekiel Gaskills Removal & it appears to be a matter undetermined whether he Stays at the [illegible] or not, therefore the Comtee are continued to take care in sd case & Report to next Mtg.

A new choice of Overseers comeing under consideration
Jonathan Mowry Rufus Smith Zaccheus Southwick
& Uriah Jillson are appointed as overseers in this
Mettg for the year ensueing

Two of the Comtee to consider who may be suitable
for Cla; for the year Ensueing Report that they think
well of Chad Smiths bein Reappointed & no objection
arising in this Mettg & he submitting of it to Friends
is Reappointed accordingly

Our Friend Stephen Buffington attended this
Mettg as also our last Mettg & hath visited most
of the Families in this Mettg & his company &
Service hath been to satisffaction, & the clerk is
Directed to give him a coppy of this minute
Also the minute of last mo

At a Monthly Mettg of Friends held at
Smithfield the 31st of the 3rd mo: 1791

The acct from the Preparative Mettg being
presented the Representatives therein named are
Zadok Smith & Elisha Thilley both Present

The Queries & answers from the Preparative
Mettg has been Read & some alterations made
was aproved of & Inserted in an acct to the
Quarterly Mettg & sent by Our Representatives
Annanias Mowry Benja Pearce George Comstock
& Wm Buffum, they desired to attend to their appointmt
& Report to next Mettg

The Further dispofal of the printed general Epistles is again Refered to next Meetg. then to be again Read & a further dispofal then to be considered

The Comtee that had the care of margeret Sylvester Reports that attention has been made in that case but not so much as to produce a Satiffactory acknowledgment, they are Desired to take the necessary care in that matter & Report to next Meetg.

The Comtee to deliver the Marriage Certificate of Jonathan Fowler, Report 'Tis Delivered for Record as ~~desired~~ Directed.

The Comtee to Labour with Wm. Arnold Inform that they have not had an opportunity with him They are Requested to attend to the matter & Report to next Meeting.—

The Comtee to bring the Certificate of Daniel Allens Removeal Brot. Sd. Certificate, It was approved of & sign'd & sent to the Women for them to sign & Sd. Certificate is ordered Recorded & sent forward.—

The Comtee that had the care of Ezekiel Gaskils Removal Presented a Certificate on his behalf which was approved of & sign'd & ordered Recorded & sent forward.—

The Preparative Meetg. sent a Complaint against Willis Killey Complaining of his afsociating himself with vain & hurtful Company, & attended places of Frolicking & Dancing, & hath Departed from plainnefs of Drefs, Whereupon we appoint Wm. Buffum Chad Smith & Nehemiah Sprague To Labour with him for his Restoration & Return & Report to next Meetg.

The Treasurer is Directed to pay the yearly Meeting
Treasurer Five Dollars our Proportion of the year
=ly Meeting Stock.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Smithfield 28th of 4th mo 1795 – The acct from the
preparative Meeting being presented the Represen
tatives therein named are David Mowry & Joseph
Comstock both present.

— The Representatives appointed to attend the Quar
-terly Mtg Report that they all attended Except
Annanias Mowry who Informs he was not well
enough to attend / and they produced a Copy
of a conclusion of the Quarterly Meeting in Regard
to the Lines between this & the Monthly Meetings Joining
to this as follows – It is agreed that following be the
Dividing Line between Uxbridge & Smithfield Monthly Mtgs.
Viz) Begining at the East side of Bolton thence to Fair
=banks's Mill in Mendon, Thence to Nathan Darling's
House, Thence to the Forks of the Roads a Little Easterly of
Josiah Shoves, Thence to Benja Buffums House where his
Son Stephen now Lives that house to belong to Uxbridge –
Thence to Ironstone Mills, Thence up Stream with the
River to the Bridge near Elazer Ballou's, Thence to Jeffrey
Shippees saw Mill. - Thence to John Hunts Gristmill —
Thence to Jirah Wilcox's Barn, Thence to where Joseph
Chase Lives he to belong to Smithfield - Thence Westerly
a Little South of Ozeil Hopkins's to Connecticut Line
Thence South with Connecticut Line to Providence Monthly
Meeting. — The Line between Smithfield & Providence
as follows, Viz:- Begining at a Saw mill in Glocester
Belonging to Richard Steere, Thence a Strait Line to the
House where Joseph Baker Lately lived. Thence –

Thence to Eliſha Morrys House (ſon sd Dance) where he lately Did Live, Thence to the great Road leading from Providence to Worceſter at a place 20 Rods Southward of John Mans, Thence to the House lately belonging to Wm Gulley Thence to John Bartletts in Cumberland: Thence to Amos Arnolds he to belong to Providen Thence to Manns the Innholder in Wrentham.—

It is nevertheleſs concluded thoſe Friends who do or may live on the line & is not expreſsed where they belong are to be at Liberty to Chooſe their own Meeting, & in case any Perſon ſhould hereafter incline to Request the care of Friends in a Different Monthly Meeting then theſe Lines Expreſs. The Monthly Meeting so applyed to may if nearer to them than the other Meeting accept such Perſon if they think proper, but in caſe any dout ſhould ariſe in Reſpect of the Distance or Conveniance to such applying Perſon the Two adjacent Monthly Meetings are to confer & conclude as may appear best; & so in Caſe of Removeal.

Extracted from the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held at Greenwich the 7th of 4th mo 1791.

Benjamin Freborn Clerk.—

And it appearing by sd concluſion that the Meetg at Glouceſter belonging to Uxbridge Monthly Meetg are most of the Friends now sot of to this Meetg —

And this Meeting being Informed some time past that Friends at Gloucester Desired to have a Meeting House, & it was sent to Quarterly Meeting by way of Representation & the Quarter taking up sd Matter have appointed a Committee to advise & Direct in Respect of

Sd. Meeting House; And We appoint Our Friends John Mann & David Buffum to attend with & assist Sd. Quarterly Meetings Committee In all circumstances Relateing Sd. House & Report to next Meetg & the friends at Gloucester are Desired to lend what assistance they can.

A printed general Epistle was received & George Comstock is appointed to Read one at the close of a publick Meeting at this House & Jonath Harry at the close of a publick Meetg at Mendon

The Women Informed that they had concluded to Receive Patience Wall a member of Society with which this Meetg approves.

The Committee in Case of Margaret [illegible] Report that they have paid attention to that matter & the Women Informing that they had concluded to pay her another visit, & this Meeting think best that Comtee attend with them & Report to next Meetg

One of the Comtee to Labour with Wm. [illegible] Informs that all the Comtee have paid him a visit but as the other Two of the Comtee being absent, nothing further can be done at this time; The Comtee are therefore continued to pay attention to that matter & Report to next Meeting

The Comtee to Labour with Willis Killen Inform that they have paid him a visit & find some encouragement and be willing to pay him another visit they are Desired to do it & Report to next Meetg.

The Preparative Meeting Informed that James [illegible]
proposed to lay his Intentions of Marriage before
this Meeting with Lydia Wilkinson; consent of
Parents being produced. They appeared & declared
their sd Intentions & were directed to next Monthly
Meetg for an Answer. Benjn Batty & Wm Buffum
are appointed to enquire into his clearness & see
the Rights of the Children secured & Report to next
Meetg.

The Preparative likewise Informed that
Jonathan [illegible] proposed to lay his Intentions
of Marriage with Ruth [illegible] before this
Meetg. he producing consent of Parents being
produced They appeared in this Meetg & Declared
their sd Intentions & were Directed to next Monthly
Meetg for an Answr. Joseph Comstock & Jonathan
Mowry are appointed to enquire into his clearness in
that respect & to see the rights of his children
secured & Report to next Meetg.

The Preparative Meetg informed that they have [illegible] &
delivered the Treasurer £ 11 " 9
Recd of Wm Buffum Six pound One years
Interest of a Note that this Meetg had against him
which is Delivered the Treasurer.

At a Monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smith[illegible]
[illegible] 26th 5th mo 1791
The first from the Preparative Meeting being
Called the Representatives therein named are
Walter Allen & William Buffum both present.

Our Friend William Shotwell attended this Meetg. as companion for our Friend Sarah Lundy & he produced a Copy of a minute from a monthly Meetg. at Rahway for Rahway & Plainfield Dated 15th of 4th mo. 1790.

The Comttee to attend the Quarterly Meetg. Both Report that they have attended according to appointment & they Produced a Coppy of the Quarterly Meetgs Comttee Report which is as follows

To the next Quarterly Meetg. to be held for Rhode Island, the Comttee being appointed to consider of Building a Meetg. House at Glocester within Smithfield Monthly Meetg. Report as follows having all attended to the matter conferred with their Comttee & friends of that neighbourhood we think it best that a Meetg. House be built there, at a place near Coopers Mills if a suitable Lott can be obtained and that the bigness of the House be Twenty four by Twenty eight feet upon the ground and ten feet post with a Chimney at one end a fire place above & below.

N.B. The Comttee were Paul Green, Sylvester Wicks, Jonathan Shove Jr. Jacob Freeman & David Anthony / Whereupon we appoint [illegible] [illegible] James Smith Wm Buffum Walter Allen & Chad Smith a Comttee to Build sd House and Report the Expence thereof to this Meetg. when accomplished & likewise to take a Deed of a Lott to set the House upon, also to take in subscriptions to defray the Expence.

The Comtee In Case of Margaret Sylvester Inform that they have not attended to that matter they are desired to attend to that service & Report to next Meetg.

The Comtee In case of Wm Arnold Report, that they think most likely the matter may be settled to satisffaction they are desired to attend to the matter & Report to next Meetg.—

The Comtee to further labour with Willis Tilley Report that they have met with him again & he give little of any incouragement of makeing friends satisffaction but appeared to Justify himself in his conduct complained of, but by the Request of some friends, Its thot best to Refer the matter for the Comtee to have another oppertunity with him & Report to next Meetg.—

The Friends appointed to Inquire into the clearness of James Smith in Respect to marriage & to see the Rights of the Children secured Report that there has nothing appeared to hinder his proceeding to Marry as proposed last mo. They appeared in this Meetg & Received Ansr accordingly And George Comstock & Jonathan Mowry are appointed to see their Marriage accomplished & Certificate lodged for Recording & Report to next Meetg.

The friends appointed to inquire into the clearness of Douglas Marsh in Respect to Marriage & to see the rights of the Children secured Report that nothing has appeared to hinder his proceeding as proposed Last mo. & Douglas with Ruth Chase appeard & Received Answer accordingly George Arnold & David Mowry Are appointed to see the Marriage accomplished & the Certificate Dd for Record & Report to next Meetg -

Our Friend Sarah Lundy attended this Meetg on her way to Novascotia, With a Certificate from a Monthly Meetg of Kingwood held at Hardwick by adjournments from the 14th to the 20th of the 10th mo 1790, By a new arringment of the Lines between This & Uxbridge Monthly Meetg it appears that some friends are within the verge of Uxbridge Monthly Meetg who were Members of this Meetg. Whereupon Benja Pearce & Wm Buffum are appointed to ascertain the names of Friends in that Situation & Report to next Meetg

Recd from the Meeting Sufferings the Following Viz

6 mo. 1791

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 30th 6th mo. 1791. —

The acct. from the Preparative Meetg. being present the Representatives therein named are Elisha Thornton & John Man both Present.

One of the [illegible] to attend [illegible] Informs [illegible] [illegible] Conformity [illegible] & they desired to attend to the [illegible] & Report in Writing to next Meetg.

Two of the Comtee. to visit Margaret [illegible] [illegible] an acknowledgment from her which was to satisfaction.

The Women informed they were about to accept an acknowledgment from [illegible] with which this Meetg. [illegible]

The Friends continued to labour with [illegible] Informed that they had had an opportunity with him [illegible] to a [illegible] degree of hope he may yet be [illegible] the Comtee. are still continued & George Comstock is added to them & they to Report to next Meetg.

The Comtee. to attend the Marriage of James Smith & Lydia Wilkinson Report in writing as followeth

According to appointment we attended the Marriage of Jabez Smith & Lydia Wilkinson & according to our observation it was conducted orderly on the part of Friends Excepting some of our youth being [illegible] for forwardness in Signing the Certificate. The Certificate was Delivered the Recorder 5th mo. 2nd 1791

Ruth [illegible]
Alles Sprague
George Comstock
Jonathan [illegible]

The Comte to [illegible] the oversight of the marriage of
Douglass Marsh & Ruth Chase Report that they atten-
ded thereto excepting and not going to the House
who gave a satisfactory reason therefor & did not remark
any thing different from the foregoing Report the Cert-
ificate was delivered for Record—

The Comtee to ascertain the names of Friends within the bounds
of this Mtg that was lately set off from this Mtg. Report as
follows, Viz. Jas Bartlett & Anna Bartlett his wife, their chil-
drens Names Jemima Anna Naomia Sarah Judith
& Jacob Bartlett. Hannah Darling & her two children
names Elnathan & James, Is all that appear on the
list & the Clerk is Desired to send a Copy of this minute
to Uxbridge Monthly Mtg.

The Comtee that had the matter from the last Mtg for
sufferings Inform they have made no progress
they are Desired to attend to them & Report to next
Mtg.

The Preparative Mtg. Informed that King
Hilley hath attended places of merriment & gaming &
hath Danced when there & hath behaved rudely otherways
& is in the practice of company with those not of our
Society Thereupon we appoint Thaddeus Smith Jonathan [illegible]
& Benjamin Bethel to take an opportunity with him
& labour for his Restoration & Report to next Mtg.

The preparative Mtg Informed that Reuben Wheeler proposed
coming his Intentions of marriage before this Mtg with
Hannah Pickett, But Does not produce ~~produce~~ a certificate
& as next Mtg is to morrow & it is likely he
will then have one, & he is an ancient Person &
& lives at a considerable Distance, [illegible] think best to
adjourn to give opportunity for him to lay his Intentions
[illegible] Mtg [illegible] next [illegible]
concluded for the present & [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]

This Mtg adjourns to the Close of next 5th Day Mtg
at this House. — 7th of 7th mo. Met by adjournment
The Representatives being calld John man present
Elisha Thornton absent.

Obadiah Wheeler produceing a Certificate from
Uxbridge Monthly Mtg signifying that they find
nothing to hinder his proceeding in Marriage with
Hannah Gaskel & they appearing in this Mtg &
Declared their Intentions of takeing each other in mar-
riage & were Directed to next monthly Mtg for an Answer

At A Monthly Mtg of Friends held at
Smithfield the 27th 7th mo. 1791

The Repts from the preparative Mtg being present the
Representatives therein named and Caleb [illegible] & Annanias
Mowry both present

The preparative Mtg Informs that Stephen Battey
came into that Mtg & Requested Frds care he being
admitted into this Mtg & continuing his request
David Buffum Benedict Remington Seth Kelley &
Joseph Comstock are appointed to take a Solid oppor-
tunity with him in order to Discover his motives & Suitableness
of becoming a member of Society & Report to next Mtg

The Queries & Answers from the Preparative Mtg
being Read in this Mtg & approved of & Inserted in our
Ansr to the Quarterly Mtg & committed to our Representatives
Benja Battey George Comstock & Annanias Mowry & they
Desired to attend to their appointment & Report to next Mtg

Obadiah Wheeler & Hannah Gaskel who were Directed to this
Mtg for Answer for Marriage appeared & Recd Answr according
Elisha Thornton & George Smith are appointed to see the
Marriage Consumated & Certificate & Delivered for Record
& Report to next Mtg.

The Comtee to further labour with Willis Shilley Report that have had an opportunity with him since last monthly Meetg & think him to be pretty much in the same State as heretofore, & altho he has been some time waited on with very little hopes of his making Satisfaction at this time Meetg feeling willing to leave the further disposal of that matter to next Meetg

The Comtee that had the case of Wm. Arnold Report in Writing but it not being fully to Satisfaction This Meetg Returns sd Report & the Comtee are Desired to strictly attend to the matter & Report to this Meetg in the Tenth month or sooner if necessary

The Comtee that had the care of Subscriptions for the books sent from the Meetg for Sufferings Report that there has been but little progress made They are continued for that Service & report to next Meetg

The Comtee to Labour With Shilley Report that they have had an opportunity with him & he confesses the said complaint & says he has not misconducted. This Meetg feeling Tenderness towards him tis concluded to refer it to next Meetg & the comtee are Desired to have another opportunity with him & then Report—

The Preparative Meetg sent a complaint against Robt Miller son of Jeremiah That he hath much neglected the attending our Meetgs for Worship & wholly for Discipline & hath departed from plainness & hath kept company for a long time unbeknown to the overseers with one not of our Society & the person who he hath accompanied with or appears to be pregnant, & this Meetg feeling no Disposition at present to send a Comtee to see him Refers that matter to next Meeting.

At A Monthly Meetg of friends held at Smithfield the 25th of 8th mo. 1791 The Preparative Meetg accts being presented the Representatives therein named Are Jonathan Sayles & George Smith Jr both present

One

One of the Comtee on behalf of the whole to have an
opportunity with Stephen Batty on his Request to become
a member of Society Report that all the Comtee have
had an opportunity with him to pretty good Satisfaction
& that his motive to be Sincere & apprehend it may be
safe to accept him a member of our Society, & no objec-
-tion arising he is accepted accordingly

The Women Informed that they were about to accept
Agnes Bollard a member of Society with which this
Mtg Concurs. —

— The Representatives to attend the Quarterly Mtg Report
that they all attended & they producing an Epistle
from our last yearly Mtg & some extract from the
yearly Mtgs Minutes & Two Extracts from the Quar-
-ter the Disposal of Which is Refered to next Mtg

— The Comtee to attend the Marriage of Obadiah Wheler
& Hannah Gaskil Report in Writing as follows, We did
attend the Marrige of Obadiah Wheler & Hannah Gaskil
attended & according to our observation it was conducted orderly
The Certificate is Delivered for Record. George Smith
Elisha Thornton
Elizabeth Smith by Request

— The case of Willis Hilley coming again under considera-
-tion It being Weightily considered & the point of disowning
being nearly concluded, but one frd proposing paying him
another visit tis Refered for the frd to leave himself & report
to next Mtg. —

— The Comtee in case of Books are not Ready to Report they are
Desired to attend to that matter & Report in the Tenth Mo

— Two of the Comtee to further labour with Wing Hilley Report
that they has had another opportunity with him & find no encourage-
-ment of amendment & this Mtg weightily considering the
matter It seems well to disown him a member Wm Buffum
& John Man are appointed to Inform him of his Denial &
Right of appeal & Draw a Testimony of his Denial & Report to
next Mtg —

The case of Seth Killey (Janoss) coming again under consideration & no friends expressing any desire to visit him, Tis concluded to disown he is Disowned accordingly & Rufus Smith & Annanias Mowry Are appointed to Inform him of his Denial & Right of appeal & Draw a Testimony of his Denial & Report to next Mtg.

— By uxbridge Monthly Mtgs Comtee This Mtg being Informed that they are dissatisfied with Jacob Bartletts being amongst them by a minute this Mtg. sent them whereupon we appoint Elisha Thornton George Comstock & Jonathan Mowry to take that case into consideration & Report to next Mtg.

~ George Smith Informed this Mtg. that he proposes going to Philadelphia on Business & this Mtg approving thereof he being a member of this Mtg & an Odes in unity the clerk is Directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

At a Monthly Mtg. of friends held at Smithfield the 29th 9th mo. 1798 The preparative Mtgs all being present the Representatives to attend this Mtg are Rufus Smith & Joseph Comstock both present.

The Women at last monthly Meeting Informed they were about to accept Phillis Dring a member of Society but this Mtg not seeing their way clear at last mo. nor at this time, It is referred to next Mtg for further consideration

~ The Women likewise Informed that they were about to accept Isabella Chase (wife of Joseph Jr) a member with which this Mtg approves of.

~ The last yearly Mtgs Epistle was again read at this time & is referred to next Mtg. for further consideration.

George Arnold is appointed to Enter in our Several
Books of Discipline the Extracts sent from the
Yearly Meety & Report when accomplished.—

Recd Two Extracts from the Quarterly Meety as
follows, Viz The Recommending Subscriptions to
supply ~~their~~ Meetgs. Treasurer comeing again under
consideration, it is concluded to Raise Sixty pounds,
& the Several Monthly Meetgs. are Desired to Subscribe
Amounts in their freedom & forward to the Treasurer & an
acct. ~~to this Meety~~ thereof to next Quarter & the
clerk is Directed to send a coppy of this minute to each
Monthly Meety. Copy Extracted from the minutes of
Our Quarterly Meety held at Portsmouth the
11th 8th mo. 1791 by Benja. Freeborn Clerk—

The Comtee appointed at last Quarterly to
consider of the matter brot from Smithfield
Respecting building a Meety House in the verge of
that Meety Reports that they have attended to
that matter & think it best that one be built
at a place near Coopers Mills in Glocester, if
a suitable Lott can be obtained, That the
Dimentions be Twenty Eight feet by Twenty
four & Sixteen feet post; which is accepted & Sd
Moly Meety are at liberty to proceed therein as
they may think best & the clerk is Directed to
furnish them with a copy of this minute
Copy Extracted from the minutes of our Quar-
terly Meety held at Portsmouth the 11th of the 8th
Month 1791 By Benja. Freeborn Clerk—

The one Respecting the Meety House appears to be attended to
& the other is Directed to the Preparative Meetg.
for Subscribing to

The Queries & Answers from the preparative Mtg. was Read at this time & agreed on & sent forward with our acct. to the Quarterly Mtg. by our Representatives who are Joseph Comstock Wm. Buffum & Jonathan Mowry & they Desired to attend to their appointment & Report to next Mtg.

The case of Willm. Hilley coming again under consi-deration & the friends whose acct. it was Referd at last mo. informe he is easy that they should proceed to Disown & not expressing any desire to further visit him, hence disowned membership among us & Benja. Pearce & Elisha Thornton are appointed to Inform him of his Denial & Right of appeal & Draw a Testimony of his Denial & Report to next Mtg.

The Comte. to Inform Wing Hilley of his Denial &c & Draw a Testimony of his Denial Report that they have Informed him, & present a Testimony which is Referd to next Mtg.

The Comte. to Inform Seth Hilley [illegible] of his Denial &c. Report he is Informed & a Testimony was [illegible] & is Referd to next Mtg.

The Comte. presented a circumstancial acct. of [illegible] & Familys being at Uxbridge which is to satisfaction & is signd by the clerk of this Mtg. & ordered Recorded & sent forward.

The preparative Mtg. Informed this Mtg. that [illegible] Buffum hath a prospect of Removeing with his Family to Rhode-Island Monthly Mtg. & Desires the advice of this Mtg. Whereupon We appoint Rufus Smith Elisha Thornton Joseph Comstock Benja. Battey Jonathan Mowry & George Comstock to take that matter & advise him on that acct. & Report to next Mtg.

David Mowry Nehemiah Sprague & Benja. Pearce are appointed to make the necessary Provision for Horsekeeping at the next Quarterly Mtg. at this house & Report the same at next Mtg.

At a Monthly Mtg of friends held at Smithfield the 27th of the 10th month 1791

The acct from the preparative Mtg being presented the representatives to attend this Mtg are James Smith & Benedict Remington both present

The Comtee in case of Wm Arnold that they have done nothing in that matter they are continued to further attend to that matter & report to next Mtg

The case of Phillis Aldrich comeing under consideration it seem best it be submitted to a comtee Whereupon we appoint Seth Kelley Joseph Comstock Annanias Lovey George Smith & Jesse Bailey to attend to that matter & the Women are requested to lend what assistance they can & the Comtee to report their sense what is best to be done to next Mtg

The Women Informed that they were about to Disown Lydia & Tamer Allen (Daughters of Ezra) with which this Mtg concurs

The consideration of last yearly Mtgs Epistle is again refered to next Mtg for further consideration

The Representatives to attend the Quarterly Mtg Report they all attended & produced our proportion of the Quarterly Mtgs Stock £7"2s & yearly Mtgs Stock £2"10s 4d

The Comtee to Inform Willis Kelley of his Denial &c Report he is Informed but no Testimony Drawn they are Desired to Draught one & bring to next Mtg

The Testimony against Wing Kelley was again Read & this Mtg not being satisfied with sd Draught it is referred to the friends who Draughted it & George Comstock & George Arnold are Desired to assist in another Draught & bring to next Mtg

The Testimony of [illegible] was read at this time it being not Satisfactory tis returned to the frds who Prepared it. they to make another Draught & bring to next Mtg

Those of the Comtee to advise David Buffum in respect of moving the other three being absent Report that they all attended their appointment & think best he be left at his Liberty.

The Comtee to Provide Horsekeeping for the Quarterly Mtg. Report the Expence to be 3£ 2s. 6d. which this Mtg approves of & the clerk is Directed to furnish William Buffum with a copy of this minute to receive the same of the Quarterly Mtgs Treasurer.

The Preparative Mtg sent a complaint against David King as follows that he had much neglected the attendance of Mtgs for Worship & Discipline & hath Departed from plainess & attended Huskings & a Training as a Spectator for which he hath had the labour of the overseers without the Desired effect Whereupon Jonathan Tayler James Smith & Jesse Battey are appointed to labour with him for his Recovery & Report to next Mtg.

The Preparative Mtg Informed this Mtg that David Buffum laid before that Mtg a Religious concern that he had on his mind to make a Religious visit to the People in the State of Connecticut & some places adjacent & it being a Deeply Interesting matter it is Refered to next Mtg for frds to weigh the matter & feel after the mind of Truth to Discover the Propriety thereof.

The Comtee some time past appointed to build a Mtg House in Glocester Inform that it is about Ready to meet in the frds there are Directed to meet in it as soon as tis suitable & Drop the Mtg at Jesse Batteys.

The Preparative Mtg Informed that they have pd to the Treasurer £ 3" 5" 3

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At a Monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield the 24th of the 11th month 1791

The Representative Meetg acct being presented the Representa=tives to attend this Meetg are George Arnold & Zacheus Southwick both present

The Comttee in case of Wm Arnold Inform they have not been able to make a Report at this time They are continued to further attend to that matter & Report to next Meetg

The Comttee in case of Phillis Aldrich Inform that they have not been able to Report at this time they are continued to further attend to that matter & Report to next Meetg

The last yearly Meetgs Epistle was read at this time & it appearing necessary some attention be paid to the matter of Books Whereupon Nehemiah Sprague George Smith Jr George Arnold Jesse Bates Benja Pearce Enoc Mowry a Comttee to collect the situation of the families of this Meetg in respect to Books & in order thereto frds are desired to make out a list of what Books they have & hand to the Comttee & the Comttee to Report to next Meetg. Also the Comttee are requested to report what Books belong to this Meetg

The Comttee to bring Testimonies of Denial against Phillis Hilley Wing Hilley & Seth Hilley Junr Brot them which being Read & approved of & signed by the clerk & ordered Recorded

The Comttee to labour with Daniel Wing Report that they have attended to that matter & find him too indifferent as to Remaining a member of Society but it feeling well to this Meetg it be refer'd under the care of the same frds & they to Report in Three Months or sooner if necessary

The Day being far spent & considerable Business before this Meetg it is thot best to adjourn. — This Meetg adjourns to the first Day of next mo. at this House

1st of the 12th mo met by adjournment —

The Representatives call'd [illegible] [illegible] Kent [illegible]

The [illegible] from [illegible] monthly [illegible] in regard [illegible] Davis Buffum making a religious visit [illegible] Con=tinent Coming under consideration & it being Deliberated on & approved of Whereupon we appoint our frds Walter Allen George Comstock & James Smith to Draw a certificate Suitable to the Occasion & bring it to next Mtg.

This Mtg Recd Information from the Preparative Mtg that the Elders Mtg thot proper ~~that~~ Lidia Smith be appointed to the Station of an Elder, & the Womens Mtg now appearing so far as to appoint a Comtee it is concluded to appoint our frds Benja Battey George Smith Annanias Mowry & Seth Kelley a Comtee to Join the Women & make a visit to the Family & Consider of the matter & Report to next Mtg.

Recd a list from Uxbridge of the names of frds falling off from Uxbridge to this Mtg by a late alteration of the line which is ordered Recorded.

The Comtee to build the Mtg House at Glocester Report the Expence to be £109"12"11d Not lathed & Plaistered which is Recommended to frds to subscribe towards the expence at our next preparative Mtg & send an acct to next Monthly Mtg.

Chad Smith Informed this Mtg that he expects to join in fellow=ship with Frds on Business he being a member in unity George Comstock is appointed to give him a coppy of this minute

The frds at Glocester propose building a Horse shed at our Mtg House there they are left at liberty to proceed & build one.

Our Treasurer is Directed to pay the Comtee the expence of last Quarterly Mtg.

The Preparative Mtg Informed that they Raised & Pd the Treasurer £3"5"3½d

At A Monthly Meetg of friends held at Smithfield the 29th of the 12th mo: 1791

Extract from the Preparative Meetg being presented the Representatives to attend this Meetg are John Mann & Benja Pearce both present

The Preparative Meetg Informed this Meetg that Asa Rhodes came into that Meetg & Requested friends care & admitted into this Meetg & continuing his request We appoint Jonathan Mowry Walter Allen Rufus Smith & George Comstock a Comtee to pay him a visit & feel after the Propriety of his becomeing a member of Society & Report to next Meetg

The Queries & Answers from the Preparative Meetg being read & with some small alterations were approved & sent with our acct to the Quarterly Meetg by our Representatives James Smith Uriah Wilson and John Mann & they Desired to attend to their appointment & Report to next Meetg

The Comtee in case of Wm Arnold Report in writing which is accepted & is as follows, To the monthly Meetg to be held 29th 12th mo 1791, We the subscribers have paid attention to the matter of complaint from Jacob Arnold against his Brother Wm Arnold, & find that that matter is settled, & we see nothing further for frds or Wm to do in that matter

Elisha Thornton
George Smith
David Buffum
James Smith

The Comtee in case of Phillip Aldrich Inform that they are not Ready to Report by Reason of Sickness the Comtee are continued to further attend to that matter & Report to next Meetg

The frds appointed at last mo in the matter of Books Inform that they have paid some attention to that appointment but not Ready to make full Report at this time, they are continued for that service & Report to next Meetg

Rec.d a Certificate from Acoaxet Monthly Mtg on behalf of Daniel Wood which was Read & ordered Recorded —

This Mtg was Informed by the Preparative Mtg that Stephen Hawksie was about to Remove to Hoosuck monthly Mtg. This Mtg appoints Benedict Remington Walter Allen & Benja. Pearce to take care in that matter & Report to next Mtg —

The frds to Draught a Certificate for David Buffum To Travel into Connecticut Brot one which was Read & approved of & Signed & ordered Recorded

The frds in case of Lydia Smith Report in writing which is accepted & is as follows We of the Comte to visit Lydia Smith have visited her & Family according to appointment & had a favourable opportunity, & we think well of her being appointed to the Station of an Elder To the monthly Mtg 2d of

12th mo. 1791

Ruth Arnold
Alles Sprague
Anna Thornton

George Smith
Benja. Battey
Annanias Lowry

And She is appointed to the Station of an Elder accordingly

The Preparative Mtg Informed that they Raised & Del.d the Treasurer — £ 0" 15/5 s d —

The Preparative Mtg also Inform us that £ 7" 5" 0 s d is Subscribed towards Defraying the expence of the Mtg House at Glouester & £ 3" 9" 6 s d Raised & Del.d the Treasurer & 12/6 to Walter Allen. —

Uriah Tillson Wm. Buffum Annanias Lowry & Joseph Comstock Are appointed to Join a Comte of Women frds In case of Mary White & Weigh the circumstances present, & Report to next Mtg.

Recorded by Chad Smith Clerk

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 26th of the 1st mo: 1792

And no acct from the Preparative Meetg. By reason of extremety of weather on the day the Preparative Meetg was to have been held.

The frds to have an opportunity with Ab Rhodes on his Request to become a member of Society, Inform they have not had one, by reason of severety of weather the ~~the~~ time agreed upon to meet; Therefore therefore they are con=tinued for sd service & to Report to next Meetg.

Recd: Five printed General Epistles from the last yearly Meeting in London, & one was Read at this time. And George Comstock Chad Smith & George Smith Are appointed to Read one at the close of the several publick Meetgs belonging to this monthly Meetg.

The Representatives to attend the Quarterly Meetg. Report that they all attended to that appointment

The frds in case of Phillis Aldrich Inform that they have not been together, they are Desired to attend to the matter & Report to next Meetg.

The frds In case of Books not ready to Report they are continued for that service & to Report to next Meeting.

The frds in care of Stephen Hoxie reports a Certificate on his behalf which was approved & signed by the Clerk & ordered Recorded.

The frds in care of Mary White reported that they have paid some attention to that matter & find further care is necessary therefore sd Comtee are continued to further attend to that matter & report to next Mtg.

The Mtg being Informed that Uxbridge Monthly Mtg is not yet satisfied with our acct of Jacob Bartlett & Family being amongst them Therefore We appoint Seth Shilley Jonathan Mowry George Comstock & Wm Buffum a Comtee to attend to sd matter

The Clerk having served Twelve Months Therefore Nathan Allen George Arnold Ananias Mowry & Wm Buffum Are appointed to consider who may be Suitable for Clerk for the year Ensuing & confer with the frs on the Subject & report to next Mtg.

Exe Smith Clerk.

At a Monthly Meetg. held at Smithfield the 23d of the 2d month 1792. The acct. from the Preparative Meetg. being presented the Representatives to attend this Meetg. are Jonathan Taylor & Annanias Mowry both present.

- Three of the Comtee. to have an opportunity with Asa Rhodes Reported that they had had an oppertunity with him & think well that matter be Refered to further consideration untill next Meetg. & the Comtee. then to report.

- The Case of Phillis Aldrich Is again Refered & the Comtee. to Report to next Meetg.

- The Comtee. to collect the situations of the Friends of this Meetg. in Respect to Books, Inform that they have attended to that matter & collected most bds. number of Books, & also the Books the Books that belong to this Meetg., The Comtee. are still continued to fulfill that appointment, - & if any appear not to have a Sufficiency of Books, They to give advice & assist in procuring or otherwise; Also to Report what they think best to be done with the Books belonging to this Meetg. to our next Meetg.

- The Women Informed that they were about to accept Mary Pell a member - & this Meetg. finding no objection she is accepted accordingly.

- The Comtee. in case of Mary White Inform that they have been upon that matter but not ready to Report they are continued for that Service & to report to next Meetg.

[illegible] for Committee who might be suitable for clerk Inform
that they have not fulfilled that appointment they
are continued to fullfil it, & Report to next Metg
& the present clerk is desired to finish the Business at
this time.

The Comtee In case of Daniel Wing Inform that they
have not seen him as they expected they are continued to
further attend to that matter & Report to next Metg

The Preparative Metg Informed against Duty Sandy
that he neglects to attend our Metgs for Worship and
Discipline, Departs from plainess of Speech & Dress
attends Trainings & other vain company & hath
been laboured with by the overseers; And as he hath
been considered by the people out of Society as not to
have a right amongst us; It is thot best this Meetg
make a minute Disowning of him as a member
without further labour, & considering his Transgres-
-sions he is Disowned accordingly & Benja Bathey &
James Smith are appointed to inform him of his
Denial & Right of appeal & Report to next Metg

The Comtee to collect Subscriptions Report in
writing as follows We your Comtee to collect Subscrip-
-tions for Gough's Historic Bibles &c. Report that
Three Bibles more are subscribed for, & no further
Progress Signd on behalf of the Comtee by Jonathan [illegible]
To the Monthly Metg 23d 2d mo 1792 & the Comtee
are continued for further service & to Report to next Metg.

George Comstock Jr appointed to Read the Testimony
of Wing Phillips Denial at the close of a Metg at this place
& Report to next Metg.

David Mowry Is appointed to Read the Testimonies of Deni-
-al of Seth Phillips son of Jeremiah & Phillip Phillips at the cl-
-ose of a Metg at London & Report to next Meetg

The School Comtee is Dismis'd & George Smith George Comstock William Buffum James Smith Rufus Smith John Man David Mowry Benja Battey & Seth Hilley Are appointed to act in that place for the year Ensueing

By the Preparative Mettg account there appears £3..4s more Subscribed towards the expence of Glocester Mettg House which makes £82..9s in all that is Subscribed, & £1..1s was Delivered the Treasurer & £1..7s to Walter Allen;

George Comstock Annanias Mowry & John Man are appointed to audit the accounts of the Comtee to build the above sd House & Report to next Mettg

Recorded
~~Certified~~ By Chad Smith
Clerk

At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield ye 29th 3 mo 1792 - The account from the Preparative Meeting being Presented - The Representatives to attend this Meetg are Jeremiah Ballard & Jonathan Sayles both Present

The Comtee to Consider Who might Be Suitable for Clerk Report that they think Well of Walter Allens Serving the Meeting & no Objecttion Appearing he is Appointed for the year Ensuing

The Comtee Continued to have another Opportunity With Asa Rhodes Report that they have had one And think it Safest And best the matter be again Referd one Month — Which is Referd accordingly they then to Report

The Queries Were Read in this Meeting with answers thereto Composed at the preparative Meetg which with some small alteration was Approved - and Inserted in an account to the Quarterly Meetg Signed by the Clerk & forwarded by our Representatives to that Meetg Who are Jabez King Elisha Thornton & George Smith and they to Report to our Next Meetg

The Case of Philip Aldrich is again Refered to Next Monthly Meeting the Committee then to Report

The Comtee in Respect to Books Inform they are not ready to make full Report at this time - they are Desird to attend to their appointment & Report to our Next Meetg

The Comtee in the Case of Mary White Inform they have Paid some attention thereto - but not Ready to Report in full at this time - they are Desird to attend to the Case & Report to Next Mony Meetg

Two of the Committee to further Labour with Daniel Wing Report - that they have Made him another Visit - & find him in a Very Cool & Indifferent State of mind - And Manifested no Disposition for friends to Wait Longer on him - & this Meeting feeling Clear to Proceed to a Denial against him Do Disown Unity with him as a member of Society - and Benjamin Pierce and Benedic Remington are appointed to Inform him of his Denial and Right of appeal And Draw a Testimony of his Denial and Report to Next Meetg

Benjamin Battee and James Smith Report that they have Informed Duty Lapham of his Denial &c as Directed Last month

The Comtee to Collect Subscription for Bibles & goughs History Report that three Bibles is Subscribed for - & george Comstock is appointed to forward the money for that Purpose & Report to Monly Meetg

David Mowry not being Present at this Meetg being Informed that he has Not fulfiled his appointment in Reading the Testimonies of Denial against Seth & Willi Shelley as Directed at Last month - he is Continued for that Service And Report to our Next Meetg

The Preparative Meetg Informing that William Arnold hath of Late much neglected the Attendance of Our Religious Meetgs - And been Concerned in purchasing Rum for a husking - Whereupon We appoint George Comstock John Allen James Smith Nehemiah Sprague & William Buffum to take a Solid Opportunity With him on the Subject of these Complaints - And Such other matters as they May be apprized of Relating his Conduct - And Endeavour feelingly to administer Such advice & Counsel as may be afforded at those opportunities and Report to our Next Meetg

The Preparative Meetg also Inform that David Buffum has Removed With his family to Rhodeisland Monthly Meeting - and Desires our Certificate for him & his family on that account - he having Returned a Certificate granted Some months back to travel into Connecticut on a Religious Visit - Wherefore We appoint Walter Allen George Comstock & Joseph Comstock to Prepare a Certificate for that ~~for that~~ Purpose if Nothing upon Inspection appears to hinder & Report to Next Meetg

The Preparative Meetg likewise Inform that Jonathan Fowler Proposes Removing With his family to Uxbridge Monthly Meetg and Requested our Certificate for the Same - Whereupon We appoint Benjamin Pearce Amidie Remington and George Arnold to Inspect the Settlement of his affairs And if no objection arise Report a Certificate to our Next Meetg

A Complaint was also Introduced in the Preparative Meetg that Stephen Chace has Proceeded to Make publick his Intentions of marraige With one Not of our Society the overseers having Previously Laboured With him on that account Seth Kelly Jonathan Mowry Walter Allen & George Smith are appointed to Visit him

On the Occation And advise as Way may Open And Report to Next Month Meetg &c

Preparative Meetg Inform they Raised and Deld the Treasurer £ 3.9.

The Overseers Informing that the time for Which they Was appointed is Expired - a New Choice thereof is Refered to our Next Meetg

George Arnold & Zadoc Smith is appointed to Receive of the former Clerk & Deliver the Present the Books and Papers Belonging to thes Meetg and Report to Next

Information being Recd that 32 £ of money is Really Wanted to Defray the Expences of Building the Meetg house at Gloucester We therefore appoint Wm Buffum Our Treasurer to hire the above Sum and Pay Where it appears to Be Due and Report When accomplished

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At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 26th 4th Mo 1792

The friends Named at the Preparative Meetg to attend this as Representatives are Benja Batter and Jonathan Sayles Who are Both absent

And their being but few friends present and not Women Sufficient to hold a meetg it is thought best to adjourn this Meetg to the 3d Day of the 5th Mo at the Close of a Meetg at this house Which is adjourned accordingly

3rd Day 5th mo Met by adjournment the Representatives being Called Benjamin Present Jonathan Absent

The Comitee Appointed on the Request of
Asa Rhodes becoming a member of Society Repor
that they have had another Opportunity With him
Since Last Month and think Well of his
being accepted a member of Society — and no
Objection arising in this Meeting — & the Womens
Meeting Uniting therewith he is accepted
accordingly —

The Representatives to attend the Quar
terly Meetg Inform they all attended agreable to
appointment —

The Comitee in the Case of Philip
Aldrich Report in Writing to the following Effect
To the Monthly Meetg to be held the 26th 4th Mo 1792
We your Comitee to Consider the Case of Philip
Aldrich have Several times met and Considered
thereon — & upon Weighing Every Circumstance
It appears that it will be for the best to drop the
Matter — Which We submit to the Monthly Meetg

	Joseph Comstock
Ruth Arnold	George Smith
Sarah Trask	Seth Kelley
Ana Thornton	Ananias Mowry
Alles Sprague	Jessa Battey
Abigail Pearce	

But as the Meetg at this time is small
Especially the Womens it is Concluded the matte
be Refered one Month for Consideration —

The Comitee appointed to Collect the Situation
of friends in Respect to books Report in Writing
Which is accepted and is as follows Viz —

We your Comitee to Collect the State of friends
in respect to Books have pretty fully Inspected the Same
And find they are Generally furnished With Bibles
and mostly pretty Well Supplyed With friends Books —
Such friends as seem to be Deficient we think are in

Circumstances to furnish themselves with as Many as may be Necessary — in Respect to the books belonging to the monthly Meeting We are of the Opinion that if there is not a Library Established (Which Seems to be the Wish of Some friends) that a Suitable Committee be appointed to Distribute them amongst friends As they may find Most Wise
Signed on behalf of the Comttee George Arnold

And George Comstock Nehemiah Sprague James Smith & George Smith are appointed to Consider What Method is best in Regard to the books Now belonging to this Meetg — And also Receive Subscriptions of friends If any Are Disposed to make an addition thereto And make report from time to time as Need Shall Require Not Exceeding 3 months

The Comttee in the Case of Mary White they have Not fully Completed their appointment they are Desired to finish the same & Report to Next Meetg

This Meetg is Informed that the Testimonies of Seth & Willis Kelly has Been Read as heretofore Directed —
The Comttee to treat & Labour With Wm Arnold Report in Writing the Disposal thereof is Refer'd to our Next Meetg

To the Monthly Meetg of Friends to be held at Smithfield the 3d of 5th Mo 1792 by adjournment
We of your Comttee in the Case of Wm Arnold having met With him on the Service of Our appointment And Used our Endeavours to Convince him of the Inconsistancy of his Conduct He Owning the Facts Contained in the Information of the Overseers, And as he appears in a State of Separation from Society — Neither in a State Suitable nor Desirous to be Reconciled to friends And finding No Encouragment for further Labour With him

It appears to us Unnecessary to make any further Inquiry into Other Parts of his Conduct But Submit his case to the Disposal of the Monthly Meetg — George Comstock

Wm Buffum
James Smith
Nehemiah Sprague

The Friends appointed to Inspect the Circumstancy of David Buffums Removing to Rhodeisland And Prepare a Certificate for himself and family Report — that they have attended to their appointment - & a Certificate was Produced Which with Some alterration was Approved - & signed by the Clerk of this & the Womens Meetg —

The Comtee informs they are not Ready to Report a Certificate for [illegible] at this time, they are Desired to attend to the matter & Report to our next Meetg —

The Comtee to visit [illegible] Report that they had an Opportunity With him agreeable to appointment, and Endeavoured to Communicate the best advice they Was favourd With, & altho he seemd Some thoughtful of Straying away from Friends, yet expected to persue his Intentions of marraige & be Disowned by Friends, and this meeting finding no encouragement for further Labour & the Womens approbation being had, Do Disown Unity With him as a member of Society, and Rufus Smith & [illegible] are appointed to Inform him of his Denial & Right of appeal, and Draw a testimony of his Denial, & Report to our Next Meetg —

the new appointment of overseers is Referd to next monthly Meetg, & the present overseers are Desird to Extend their Care as need may Require

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The Comtee inform they have fulfilled their appointment in removing the books and papers as Directed at Last month

The Prepative meetg informs they raised and Delivered ye sd butter 7-6-3 & 18/ was Deld James Smith towards paying their accounts for Building the meeting house at Gloucester

At a monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 31st 5th Mo 1792

The Prepative Meetg account being Presented the Representatives therein Named are George Smith & Benjn Pierce both Present

Jonathan Tayler rendered a Sattisfactory Reason for his absence at Last month

The Comtee further informing they are not ready to Report the Circumstance of mary White, by Reason of Indisposition with Som of the Comtee since Last month, they are Desired to attend to the Case & Report to our Next Meetg

The Comtee to inform Daniel Wing of his Denial & Draw a testimony &c Report that he has been Informed according to appointment, & they produced a testimony of his Denial which approved Signed by the Clerk And Ordered Recorded

The Report of the Committee in the Case of [illegible] Arnold being again read and Considerd by this meetg, and no friend manifesting a Concern to further Visit him, but think best to disown Unity With him a member of Society and the Women Uniting here with he is Disowned accordingly, & Chad Smith David Mowry & George Arnold are appointed to Inform him thereof & of his Right of appeal and Draw a testimony & Report to our Next meeting

This Meeting Reconsidering the Report in the Case of Philis Aldrich, Unite with the Disposal of it at Last month —

The Friends to Inform Stephen Chace of his Denial & Right of appeal Report, that they have fulfiled their appointment, & Presented a Testimony of Denial which was approved by this & the womens Meetg Signed by the Clerk and ordered Recorded —

The New appointment of Overseers, Coming again Under Consideration Jonathan Mowry George Smith jund & Remidie Remington are appointed Overseers in this Meetg for the year Ensuing (with such Others as may be appointed at Next month) Who are Desired Carefully to attend to the Services of Truty in that Respect as best Wisdom may Direct —

The Preparative meetg Inform that Joseph Chace has Removed Within Uxbridge Mo.ly Meetg and Desires Friends advice therein Wherefore Benja Battey Rufus Smith Seth Kelly & David Mowry are appointed to Inspect into his Circumstances & advise as Caus may appear, and Report a Certificate If that appears best to our Next Meetg

The Comttee Inform they are not Ready to Report a Certificate for Jonathan Fowler they are Desired to assist him in the Settlement of his affairs, and make Ready for a Certificate at Next month

The monthly Meetg [illegible] Report he had a Settlement of the Treasurers accounts & find a ballance of £5:10-11-1 in the Treasures also six Pounds one years Interest on a note of Hand this meetg hold against Jno Buffum Was Endorsed thereon and Delivered the Treasurer —

The

The Friends appointed to audit the Comtees
Accounts for Building ~~the meeting~~ the Meetg
House at Gloucester Report the Following
Statement of their accounts Viz
The Whole amount of the Expence of Building the meetg
House at Gloucester appears to be £116-14 —
of Which there Remains Due to the Comtee on ballance as follows
To William Buffum £17.5.3½ To Jesse Britt 7-6-4½
To James Smith 8 11 7 To Walter Allen 9-11-9
To Chad Smith 0 0 5 Signed on behalf
of the Auditors by George Comstock

Which is accepted
And there appearing a Ballance of £44-12-2
Due to the Comtee (who are in want of that
money) therefore Friends are Earnestly
Requested to Continue their Collections for
Discharging the Same

At a Monthly Meeting of
Friends held at Smithfield 28th 6th mo 1792
The account from the Preparative Meetg being
Reported the Representatives therein named are
Zaccheus Southwick & Uriah Jillson
both Present
The Comtee Not being all Present
who had the Care of Informing Wm Arnold
of his Denial & Preparing a Testimony, the
matter is therefore Referd to Next monthly
Meetg the Comtee then Desired to Report

Part of the Comtee appointed some
months back to Consider the Circumstance
of Mary Wilder being Within Providence Monthly
Meetg Without a Certificate, Report in Writing
Which is with the approbation of the Womens
Meetg Referd for the Consideration of
Next Monthly Meetg
An addition to the appointment of overseers
Coming Weightily Under Consideration at this
time, & after Divers Sattisfactory Observations on
such Occasions, We appoint Jno Buffum
George Smith Thomas Mowry George
Comstock & Elisha Thornton

A Committee to visit Lancaster Meetg and Consider of some Suitable friend or friends to be appointed to that Place, & confer with him or them thereon, And also to Lend friends of that Meetg such assistance in respect to the Order and Regularity of attending & holding ~~and holding~~ their Meetgs as they in best wisdom may be Enabled to Do, & Report to next Monthly Meetg

Information being had in this Meetg that Moses Southwick & Anna Hastings both members have Married out of the Order of Friends, & she being in a State of Pregnancy before marriage, Which sorrowful circumstance awakening Friends attention, Do appoint Elisha Thornton George Smith & Rufus Smith to Unite with a Comitte of women friends who may be appointed for the Like service to take a solid opportunity with him, & Endeavour feelingly to Lay before him the Evil tendency of these things & make Return to our next Meetg

The Committee Inform that 2 of them have made a visit to Joseph Chase family, & think Well to Refer the matter 3 months, which is Refered accordingly, and they Desired to assist Joseph as to them may appear Necessary & Report at the End of the 3 months

The Comtee Report that Jonathan Fowler matters are nearly settled to satisfaction and they Expect to Report a Certificate to next Monthly Meeting

Our Friend George Churchman attended this Meetg whose Company & Labours of Love is truly acceptable, & his Certificate being so Lately Produced to the yearly meeting it is Not thought Necessary to be again Produced

The

The Preparative Meetg Informs that
Daniel Wood had Returned to Acoaxet
Monthly Meeting without a Certificate,
And the matter Needs friends Care. Thereupon
Rufus Smith George Comstock & Joseph Comstock
Are appointed to take the Necessary Care in
that matter, & Report to Next Monthly Meetg

The Preparative Meetg Informed that
they Raised & Paid the Treasurer £1 " 4

At a Monthly Meetg of
Friends held at Smithfield ye 26 7 mo 1792

Zacheus Southwick & James Smith being
Named in the account from the Preparative
as Representatives were Called & both present

The Queries & answers from the
Preparative Meetg were Read in this, And
the answers with Some alteration was agreed to
And Inserted in an account to the Quarterly
Meetg signed by the Clerk, & Committed
to our Representatives to transmit to that
Meetg who are James Smith Chas Smith
Jun Walter Allen & they to Report to our Next
Meetg

The Women Presented a Certificate
recommending Hannah Wheeler to the Care
of Uxbridge Monthly Meetg which is approved

The Comttee Inform they are not Ready
to Report a testimony of Aaron Arnold's
Denial but that he has been Informed thereof
they are therefore Desired to attend to the Case
And Report to Next Monthly Meetg

This Meety after Considering the Report of the Comtee in the Case of Mary White Unite with the Conclusion of Last Monthly Meety in accepting the Same. Which is as follows

To the monthly Meety of Friends to be held at Smithfield the 28th 6th Mo 1792 We of the Comtee to Consider the Case of Mary White's being from this to Within Providence Monthly Meety without a Certificate have some of us had several Opportunities with her & that She has Concluded to Remain at Providence, Therefore think it may be best to give her a Certificate to that Meety, which We Submit to the Monthly Meety —

Amasa Mowry
Ruth Arnold · William Buffum
Abigail Pearce Joseph Comstock

The Comtee to attend Gloucester Meety Report that 4 of them attended, but have not fully accomplished their appointment, & but find a Willingness to again attend there betwixt this & our Next Monthly Meety, they are accordingly Continued for that Service and then to Report

Part of the Comtee to Unite with a Comtee of Somerset friends in the Case of Moses Southwick & Anna Harkness Inform that they have paid some attention thereto but not Ready to Report, accordingly they are Continued and to Report to our Next Meety

The Comtee in the Case of Jonathan Fowler inform that his affairs Lie perplexed at present and Consequently the matter must be Refered another month the Comtee then to Report

The friends Report that there is no Provision made for Daniel [illegible] having a Certificate at this time, therefore the Comtee are Continued to assist in the Case as Way may Appear and Report to Next monthly Meety

At a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield 30th of the 8th Mo 1792

George Arnold & Jabez Wing Named in the account from the Preparative Meetg as Representatives Were called & both present

The Preparative Meetg Informing that Enoch Steere Junr Came in to that Meetg, & Requested to Come under the Care of Friends, And being admitted into this and Continuing his Request, Our friends George Comstock Rufus Smith Uriah Jelton & John Mann Are appointed to take a Solid Opportunity With him at his Own house, And Endeavour to Discover the Motive & Sincerity of his Request and Suitableness of his becoming a member of Society, & make Return to our Next Meetg

The Representatives to attend the Quarterly Meetg Report that they attended to their appointment, and Produced a Coppy of a minute from that Meetg Which is accepted & is as followeth (viz)

The Sum of fifty pounds is Concluded to be Raised to Supply the Meetgs Treasurer, And the Several monthly Meetgs are Desired to Contribute thereto in their freedom & forward to the Treasurer of this Meetg & an account thereof to next Quarterly and the Clerk is Directed to Send Each monthly Meetg a Coppy of this minute
Coppy from the Minutes of a Quarterly Meetg held at Portsmouth ye 19th 8th mo 1792
By Benjn Freeborn Clerk

And friends are Desired to Subscribe in freedom towards Raising our Proportion of the 50 Pounds therein Mentioned

The friends Who had the Care of Making out a testimony of Wm Sandes Denial Presented one Which with Some amendment Was approved Signed by the Clerk & Ordered Recorded

The Womens Monthly Meeting Informed this
that they had Concluded to Disown Hannah Bryant
& Nancy Shilton & this Meetg approving thereof
they are Disowned accordingly —

Two of the Comittee to attend [illegible]
Meetg Inform that they attended since last monthly
And when Conferring with friends of that Meetg
Propose the appointment of Rufus Smith as an
Overseer in addition to those heretofore appointed
And this Meetg Uniting with the Proposal he is
appointed accordingly — & James Smith &
Jesse Bailey are appointed to take the charge of
[illegible] Care of that Meeting house yard & Burying
Ground —

The Comittee in the Case of Moses Southwick
And Anna Harkness Report as follows Viz
We of the Comittee to Visit Moses Southwick
& Anna his Wife, have had an Opportunity
with them, and found them (as we apprehend) in
Degree Sensible of their Misconduct & desirous of
friends Care & Notice being Continued to them
To the Monthly Meetg to be
held ye 30th of 8th M 1792

Elisha Thornton
Margaret Smith
George Smith
Rufus Smith
Elizabeth Sprague

Nevertheless all Circumstances Considered think best
to Disown him with the said [illegible] as amended
And George Comstock & Wm Buffum are appointed
to Inform him thereof & of his Right of appeal
and Draw a testimony of his Denial & make
Return to our Next Meetg.
The Women Inform they have Disowned
Anna Southwick Wife of Moses with which
the Meetg Concurs

The Comtee in the Case of Jonathan Fowler Report that his affairs are not settled to satisfaction & as Jonathan appears Very slack in accomplishing a settlement (tho the matters Very small in Dispute(it is therefore Enjoined on the Comtee to attend to the Case and assist as may appear necessary & Report to Our Next Meetg —

The Comtee inform that they have attended to the Case of Daniel Woods having a Certificate to Ackoxet Monthly Meetg and Discover nothing but that in time a Certificate may be granted therefore the Comtee are Continued and to Report their further Progress in the matter to Our Next Meetg

The Prepatve Meetg inform that John Smith Proposed Laying his Intentions of marriage with Mary Sill before this Meetg he Producing Consent of Parents they appeard in this Meetg & Declared their Intentions accordingly & George Arnold & Walter Allen are appointed to Enquire into his Clearness in that Respect & Report to Next Monthly Meetg to which they are Refered for an answer

George Arnold & Wm Buffum are appointed to Read the Testimony of Denial against Daniel King & Stephen Chace at the Close of a Publick Meetg at this house & Report when accomplished

At a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield 27th 9th Mo 1792 — the account from the Preparative meeting being Presented the Representatives therein named are James Smith and Seth Kelly Jnr both Present

The Friend appointed to take an Opportunity with Enoch Steere gi Report they have had one to Sattisfaction - & think it safe for this meetg to accept his Request - Which Report being Sattisfactory to this and the Womens Meetg he is accordingly accepted a member of Society

The Queries were Read in this Meetg With Answers thereto Composed at the Preparative Meetg Which with some amendment were approved and Incerted in an account to the Quarterly Meetg Signed by the Clerk and forwarded by George Comstock Douglass Marsh & Zaccheus Southwick Our Representatives to that Meetg Who are Desired to attend to thier appointment & Reportto Our Next Meetg

The Comtee Report that Moses Southwick has been Informed of his Denial &c & and a testimony thereof was produced, approved Sigend by the Clerk & Ordered Recorded —

The Comtee Inform there is Nothing Done Since Last month towards making Ready for Jonathan Fowlers having a Certificate to Uxbridge Monthly Meetg. Wherefore the Comtee are Continued for the Service & we Realy hope they will Earnestly attend to the matter and accomplish a Settlement of his affairs (if in their Power) and Report a Certificate to our Next Meetg

The Comitee in the case of Daniel Wood Report that they have Endeavoured to assertain all Circumstances Relating thereto. and find not an Objection to hinder his having a Certificate to Acoaxet Monthly Meetg — Never-the less all Circumstances Considered it is the Opinion of this Meetg that it may be best to Continue the Comitee one month more to further Inspect & assist in that case as Way may open they to Report to our Next Meetg —

The Comtee Report that upon inspection no
Objection arises to hinder John Smiths Proceeding
in marriage with Mary Bell as Proposed
at Last month - and they being admitted into
this Meetg Receivd answer accordingly -
and George Comstock & Benjamin Greene
are appointed to attend their Marraige
agreeably to our Discipline - & Report to our
Next Meetg

The Comtee Inform that the
Testimonies of Denial against Daniel Wing
and Stephen Chace has been Read as Directed
at Last month and the are Returned and
Deliverd the Register for Recording

One of the Comtee Inform they are not
Ready to Report the Circumstance of Joseph
Chace at this time. & Desire the matter
Continued two months which is Continued
accordingly they then to Report

William Buffum Zaccheus Southwick
& Ananias Mowry are appointed to
Provide Necessary horse keeping for the Quarterly
Meetg Now Ensuing. & Report the Expence
thereof to our Next Meetg

The Preparative Meetg Presented a
List of the Members of this Meetg the Reading
thereof is Refered to our Next Meeting

Walter Allen Clerk

At a monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 25 10 mo 1812

the Acct from the Prepartve Meetg being Presented Benjamin Battey & Enos Mowry being therein Named for Representatives were Called and Present

The Representatives to attend the Quarterly Meetg Report they all attended according to appointment and brought forward a Transcript of an Epistle from our Last yearly Meetg which has been Read to Our Edification and Comfort — and also several Extracts from the minutes of that Meetg whereby it appears that Rhodeisland Quarterly Meetgs £ s D Proportion of the Yearly Meetgs Stock 1021·7·7 and Friends are Desired to subscribe freely thereto which we Now Recommend to the Next Preparative Meetg in Order to Procure this Meetgs Proportion of the Sum thereby Exhibited

The Other Extract which Respects the accomidating of Friends who Travel on truths service beyond Sea & Else where being Deliberately Considered by this meetg is Ordered Recorded in friends Book of Records Prepared for such & similar uses

The Women Inform they have Concluded to accept ~~Sarah~~ Zerviah Steere Wife of Enoch a member of Society of which this Meetg has Unity

The Comitee Inform the Way is open For Jonathan Fowler and family to have a Certificate of Removal to Uxbridge Monthly Meetg — a Certificate being Prepared for himself and Family is approved and Signed by the Clerk Clerk of this and the Womens Meetg and Ordered Recorded

The Comtee Inform they have Paid some further attention to the Case of Daniel Wood (and as they apprehend have Nothing more to Do in sd. Case) but as the Certificate Which Was sent to this Meetg on his behalf is not Present - an Indorsment thereon is Referd to Our Next Meeting

The Comtee to attend the Marriage of John Smith and Mary Sell Report in Writing Which is accepted and is as follows Viz (

According to our Sense the meetg Was quiet and Orderly on Friends Part. and the Marriage accomplished in a Commendable manner and those Who accompanied the married Couple to the house to Which they Reported Conducted themsleves in the same manner the Certificate is Deld for Recording

To the mon'ly Meetg to be held 25 10 mo 1792 { George Comstock
Benjan Pearce
Abigail Pearce

The Comtee to Provide house keeping for the Last Quarterly Meetg Exhibited the following account the amount Whereof is £3-6 Which is accepted - & Our Monthly Meetg Treasurer Directed to settle the same. he being Furnished With an Order On the Quarterly Meetgs Treasurer. Signed by the Clerk of this Meetg

The Reading of the Names of the members of this Monthly Meetg is again Referd to Our Next Meetg

The Preparative Meetg account Inform that George Buffum is Living with his father with in Rhodeisland monthly Meeting Without a certificate Jonathan Mowrey & Chad Smith are appointed to prepare an Essay of a Certificate on his behalf and bring to Next monthly Meetg

At a monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 29th 11th Mo 1792 —

the account from the Preparative Meetg being Produced the Representatives therein Named are Uriah Jepson & Jerimiah Ballard both Present

The Women inform they have come to a Conclusion to Disown Unity With Abigail Bates (formerly Kelly) And this Meetg Uniting With their Conclusion She is Disowned accordingly

The Certificate Recommending Daniel Wood to the Care of this Meetg being Now Presented; and a few Lines was Indorsed on the Back of said Certificate Informing acoxet Monthly Meetg of his Return to them. Which is Signed by the Clerk and Ordered Recorded

A List of the Members of this Monthly Meetg Coming to hand. and being Revived & Deliberated On: it is Concluded to Lodge the List in the Registers Office for the Benefit of Overseers and Other Friends as Way may Offer & Need Require

The Friends Reported a Certificate on behalf of George Buffum to Rhodeisland Monthly Meetg but Every Circumstance Considered it is thought best to lye one month for Consideration Under the Care of the Comtee

The Comtee Inform the Case of Joseph Chace must be again Referd one month, Which is Referd accordingly the Comtee then to Report

The Comtee some months back appointed to Consider the best method of Disposing of the books Belonging to this Meetg Report — that it is best (in their Opinion) that they lie With the Register of this Meetg at present — as some friends have Liberally Subscribed towards an addition and Encouragment given that many more Will freely add thereunto — and the Comtee are still Desired to Encourage & Receive Subscriptions for the above Purpose and Report When to them it may appear Necessary Not Exceeding three months

This Meetg Considering it Necessary that Our Proportion of the yearly & Quarterly Meetgs Stock be paid in to their Treasurers Wherefore the Treasurer of this Meetg is Directd to send £4-10 to the Quarterly Meetgs Treasurer and two Pounds to the yearly Meetg Treasurer and ~~the~~ Report when accomplished —

The Preparative Meeting Inform they Raised and Deliverd the Treasurer

£ 11-17-10

At a monthly Meetg of Friends
held at Smithfield 27th of the 12 Mo 1792
the account from the Preparative Meetg being
presented the Representatives are George Comstock
And Uriah Jepson who being called are both
Present

The Comtee inform that the way
is Open for George Buffums Certificate
to go forth to Rhodeisland Monthly Meetg
Accordingly the Certificate was Read approved
Signed by the Clerk & Ordered Recorded

The Comtee in the Case of Joseph
Chace Reported an Essay of a Certificate
On behalf of himself Wife & Daughter
Recommending them to the Care of Uxbridge
Monly Meetg - Signed by the Clerk and
Lodged for Recording

This Meeting Receiving Information by way
of the Preparative Meetg that Asa Rhodes is
gone to Reside about four months within
Uxbrige Monly Meetg in Order to teach a
School - and we having Unity with his Residence there. the Clerk is Directed to give
him a Coppy of this minute

The Queries were Read with answers thereto sent
from the Preparative Meetg Which with a Little
alteration Was agreed to & Inserted in our account
to the Quarterly Meetg Signed by the Clerk and
forwarded by Jonathan Mowry Jessa Balley &
George Arnold our Representatives to that Meetg
they agreed to attend to their appointment and
Report to our Next Meetg

Raised and Delivered the Treasurer at the Preparative Meetg £7-2-6 the Treasur acknowledges the Reception of 3 Pounds sent from Providence Monthly Meetg being their free Offering towards Defraying the Expence of Glocester Meetg house

The Treasurer also Informs that he has Paid £4-10 to the Quarterly Meetg Treasurer (being as we apprehend this Meetg Proportion of the Quarterly Meetgs Stock—

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At a monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 31st 1st Mo 1793 the account from the Preparative Meetg being Produced the Representatives therein Named are Ananias Mowry and Zadoc Smith both Present—

The Friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meetg Report they all attended according to appointment and Produced a Coppy of a minute from that Meetg Certifying that Smithfield Monthly Meetgs Proportion of the Quarterly Stock is £8-10— Our Treasurer is therefore Directed to forward 4 Pound to that Meetgs Treasurer and account thereof to this Meetg When accomplished £4-10 having been already Paid towards sd Sum And the Treasurer Informing there is no money in the Treasury and Considerable Wanting. Whereupon the Preparative Meetg is Desired to Procure Six Pounds and forward to the Treasury and an account thereof to this Meetg—

The Women inform they have Concluded to Receive Adaſa Mowry as a member of Society and this Meetg approving thereof She is Received accordingly—

Recd from the Meetg for Sufferings the following minute Viz—

This Meetg having approved a manuscript Written by our Friend Job Scott Entitled the Baptism of Christ a Goſpel Ordinance &c. And believing that Uſefulneſs Would be Derived by its being Published; have concluded that the Same be Printed; and Recommend to the several Monthly Meetgs to Subſcribe in their freedom for as many Coppies as they may conclude to take— the book is Likely to Contain about 180 Octavo Pages & Will soon be put to preſs— the Price to Subſcribers 1/4 Stitched in blue— Friends are Deſired to send up their Subſcriptions With the money by the time of our next yearly Meetg. When the Books may be Expected to be Ready for Delivery—

Extracted from the Minutes of a Meetg for Sufferings held at Providence the 11th of the first mo 1793

Thomas Arnold Clerk

Whereupon George Comstock Wm Buffum Chad Smith George Smith Jnr Uriah Jefson Seth Kelly Jnr Jeſsa Battey George Arnold Ananias Mowry & Jabez Winag are appointed to take in Subſcriptions agreeably thereto and Make Return to Our Next Meetg—

The Women informed they felt Willing to Disown Unity with Margaret Walker, and no Objection appearing here she is Diſowned accordingly

The Preparatve Meetg informing that Our Beloved Friend Elisha Thornton Oppened in that Meetg a Prospect of performing a Religeous Visit to Friends in Sandwich Quarter And he Expresing in this Meetg that his Prospect & Concern Continuing being in Unity both as a Member of Society and an Approved Minister, and this Meetg feeling Unity with his Proposed Visit. and the Monthly Meetg of Women Friend also Expresing Unity herewith the Clerk is Directed to give him a Coppy of this minute — ~~Me~~ And Wm Buffum Rufus Smith & George Comstock are appointed to afford assistance for sd Visit if any appears Necessary —

The Preparative Meetg also Inform that a Proposition was Laid before that Meetg Whether it may Not be best for the Friends that Constitute Glocester Perticular Meetg to have Liberty to hold a Preparative there — Which being Considered by this Meetg And Several Friend Expresing their Prospect that it may be as Well, to Refer the subject one month for Consideration Which is Referd accordingly —

2-1793 At a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield 28th 2d Mo 1793 —
The account from the Preparative Meetg being Present the Representatve therein Named are Benedick Rennington and George Smith both Present

The Comtee to Collect Subscriptions
for a treatise entitled Christ baptism a Gospel
Ordinance, Written by our friend Job Scott report,
that about two hundred Coppies are subscrib-
ed for, and a prospect~~ing~~ arising that many
more Will be wanted. Said Comtee are there-
fore Continued to Receive Subscriptions as may
Offer Untill the 5 mo. Next they then to Report
And the Clerk is Derected to forward a Coppy
of this minute to the Meetg for sufferings

The Propriety of Establishing a Preparative
Meetg at Glocester being now Revived in this Meetg
Wherefore we appoint George Smith Jonathan
Mowry Wm Buffum Ananias Mowry
George Arnold & Walter Allen, to unite
with a Comtee of Women friends and attend
that Meetg, & Endeavour Weightily to feel
After the mind of truth in such an Important
Undertaking, & Report to Our Next Meetg

The time for Which the Overseers of the
poor Were appointed, appears to be Long
Elapsed, Wherefore they are Dismised and
Benjamin Battey Nehemiah Sprague &
Seth Kelly are appointed to act in that
Capacity the Succeeding year

A New appointment of auditors also at
this time appears Necessary, Whereupon
the former Comtee under that appointment
are Dismised, and Chad Smith Walter Allen
& George Arnold are appointed for that
Service the year Ensuing

The Swansey Monthly Meetg Informing that they have Concluded to Disown Unity With Mary & Rachel Gaskel (Daughters of George) And this Meetg Concuring to their Conclution they are Disowned accordingly

The Clerk Informing that he has Served 12 months Wherefore Ananias Mowry & Jonathan Mowry are appointed to Consider Who may be Suitable for that Service the year Insuing & treat With the friend on the Subject, and Report to Our Next meetg

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At a Monthly Meetg

Of Friends held at Smithfield 28th 3d mo 1793
The account from the Preparative Meetg Being Presented the Representatives Named ~~[illegible]~~ to attend this Meetg are Seth Kelly & Jonathan Sayles Both Present

The Comtee in the Case of a Clerk Inform that they are not ready to Report, they are Continued for that Service & to Report to Our Next meetg ~~A~~ And the Present Clerk is Desired to Write for the Day

The Comtee to attend Glouceffter Meetg Inform, that most of them have attended to that appointment, & propose Refering the matter two months, Which is Referd accordingly, and the Comtee Desired to pay attention thereunto and Report in two months

The Queries With answers thereto sent from the Preparative Meetg Were Read in this, Which answer being approved Was Inserted in our account to the Quarterly Meetg & sent forward by Jonathan mowry John Man & Benjamin Battey Our Representatives to that Meetg they to Report to Our Next Meetg

George Comstock & George Arnold are appointed to assist the Women in preparing a Certificate for Mary Tory (Daughter of Ebenezr) Now keeping at the nine partners ——

Our Friend Elisha Thornton, Returned a Coppy of a minute Granted to travel into Sandwich Quarter on a religious Visit, & Informing that he has performed sd Visit —

The Preparative Meetg Inform that £1-8-10½ was Delivered the Treasurer ——

At a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield 25th 4th Mo 1793 —
the account from the preparative Meetg being Produced the Representatives therein Named are Wm Buffum & Enos Mowry both Present

The friends who had the care of naming a Clerk for this meeting the year Ensuing Report: that they think well of Walter Allens being Reappointed Which being Satisfactory to Friends he is reappointed accordingly ——

The Representatives to attend the Quarterly the Quarterly Meetg Inform they all attended according to appointment

The Comtee to assist the Women in Preparing a Certificate for mary Tory; Inform there is Nothing Done since last month, wherefore they are Continued for that service, & to Report to Our Next meetg ——

Recd the following Certificate from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, Which is Ordered Recorded Recorded with the minutes of this meetg

From Our Quarterly meeting of Friends held
at Sandwich the 29 of the 3d mo. 1793 —

To the monthly Meetg of Smithfield

Dear Friends

Our beloved friend Elisha Thornton hath attended most of the monthly & all the particular meetings belonging to this Quarter, at the former of which he Presented a Copy of a minute from your meetg. Expressing your concurrence With his Concern & Religious Visit

We Now Certify on his behalf that his Company & Services among us have been to our Sattisfaction Comfort & Edification. & that his Life and Conversation have been Exemplary & Consistant With Our Profession — With Desires for his Preservation — We Remain your Friends Brethren & Sisters —

Signed in & on behalf of Wm Rotch Junr Clerk
Our Meetg aforesaid Phebe Ring Clerk

The Preparative Meetg account Informing that Pliny Earl proposed laying his Intentions of marreage With Patience Buffum before this meetg He being furnished With a Certificate from the monly Meetg of Uxbredge. Setting forth his Clearness of marriage Engagments Amongst them — and Concent of parents being Produced — they appeard and laid their Intentions accordingly & Were Directed to Next monthly Meeting for an answer

The Preparative meetg also Inform that £ 3 : 13 Was Delvd the Treasurer

Recevd six printed General Epistles from the Yearly meetg of London in 1792. One of Which has been read to Our Comfort and Edification — and hope the the well ~~aft~~ adapted advices therein therein Contained may be Treasured up to our advantage — and George Comstock Benjamin Battey & George Smith are appointed to read them at the Close of the several Particular meetgs hereto belonging. and Report When accomplished

It appearing Neceſsary that the fence Round this Meetg house yard be repaired- therefore Zacheus Southwick is appointed to take Care agreably here unto. and alſo to Clean up the yard as may to him appear best- & Report the Expence thereof When accomplished ——

The Womens monthly Meetg Recd Information from Providence Meetg. that they have Inspected the Circumſtance of mary Whites right among friends- and are of the Opinion that She belongs to this monthly Meetg. Wherefore We Considering our selves jointly United With the Women in the Case Do appoint Ananias Mowry George Comstock Chad Smith & Benjamin Fearce to join the Womens Comitee and further Inſpect and Consider the Circumſtance & Report What may appear best to be Done at Our Next meetg

This Meetg Recd Six Pounds of Wm Buffum. One years Interest on a note of hand this meetg holds against him. Which sum was Deld the Treasurer

At a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield 30th 5 mo 1793

The account from the Preparative Meetg being Poduced Benedick Remington & Seth Kelly Jur therein Named for Repreſentatives being Called are both Present

This Meetg Receved a few Lines from Uxbrige Monthly Meetg. Indorsed on a Copphy of a minute Aſa Rhoads Carried there some time past: Which is Sattisfactory to this Meetg

The Women Inform they have Concluded to grant the Request of Sarre Ballus and admit her a member of Society. If no objection here arises. Which is Sattisfactory and She accepted accordingly

Pliny Earle & Patience Buffum. Who were Refered to this meetg for an answer in Order for marriage. appeared and Informed they Continued their Intention and Recceivd an answer accordingly and George Comstock & David Rodman are appointed ~~are appointed~~ to attend their marraige agreably to our Disiplene and Report to Our Nex Meetg

The Women also Inform they have Disowned Unity with Easter Southwick. With Which this meetg Concurs

The Comtee presented a Draught of a Certificate for Mary Tory. Which was approved and Signed by the Clerks of both meetgs and Lodged for Recording

The Friend appointed to Collect Subscriptions for a Pamphlet Entitled Christ Bapthsm a Gosspel Ordinance Report that 269 Copphies is Subscribed for. said Comtee are still Continued to Collect the money & Deliver the Books to the Subscribers and Report When accomplished. and the Clerk is Directed to Inform the Meetg for Sufferings the number of Books this meetg has Concluded to take

The Committee Inform that it appears best to Refer the Concluſion of Glouceſter preparativ Meetg one month for Conſideration thereon Which is Refered accordingly the Comtee then to Report

The Comtee to aſsist the Women in the Case of Mary White, Inform that they have fulfiled their appointment (as they apprehend) And the Women presented a Certificate on her Behalf to the monthly Meetg of Providence - With Which this Meetg approves —

6 mo
1793

At amonthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield 27th 6 mo 1793

The Friends Named at the Preparative Meeting to attend this as Representatives are Seth Kelly & Jeſsa Battey both Preſent.

The Friends to attend the Marraige of Pliny Earl and Patience Buffum Report that in their Judgement it was Conducted Orderly and their Certificate Deliverd for Recording

The Comtee to attend Glouceſter Meetg Report in Writing, Which appears Not fully to the Sattisfaction of Friends, therefore the Comtee are Desired to Reviſit that Perticular Meetg and Report to our Next meetg

Whereas it appears that the Comtee Who has the Care of of our Meetg houſes Burying Places and the Overſight of Burials, has Stood Long appointed & one of them Deceaſed

Wherefore they are Dismissed & Our Friends George Smith George Comstock Seth Kelly Jessa Battey William Buffum Rufus Smith & George Arnold are appointed to have the Necessary Care & oversight as may to them in best wisdom be pointed out agreeably to the Direction of Our Discipline Under the head Burials ———

At a Monthly Meeting

Of Friends held at Smithfield 25: 7th mo 1793

The account from the Preparative meetg Being Presented the Representatives therein Named are Area Smith & Jonathan Mowry Who being Called are both Present

The Queries have been Read in this Meetg and answers thereto, sent from the Preparative Meetg & with some alteration approved and Inserted in our account to the Quarterly Meetg Signed By the Clerk and Committed to our Representatives George Comstock & Thomas Mowry Who are appointed to attend that Meetg and to Report their attendance to our Next Meetg

The Comtee Report, that it appears best to Refer the Circumstance of the Preparative Meetg at Glocester One month more for further Consideration, Which is Referred accordingly they then to Report ———

The Preparative Meetg Inform that Joseph Battey Requested a few Lines by Way of Certificate to Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in Order for Marriage. Wherefore

James Smith and Jerimiah Ballard are appointed to Inspect into his Clearness in that Respect, & Report A Certificate to next Monthly Meetg, If that appears best,

The Preparative Meetg also Informs that £1-7s was Deld the Treasurer —

Recd the following Minute from our Last Quarterly Meeting, Respecting the late Division of the Select Meetg: Which is accepted & here followeth

When Solidly Considering the Subject respecting the Select members of Richmond, as Referred from last Quarter, It is Concluded, that those of Richmond & Uxbridge monthly Meetings constitute a meeting, & that it be held for the first time at Uxbridge on the Second Day of the Week, preceeding the Quarterly Meetg — Those of Smithfield are to be Held the Day before the Reparative meetg next Preceeding the Quarterly Meetg, — And those of Providence are to be also held the Day before their Preparative meeting Preceeding the Quarterly, And the meetgs at those Times Severally Conclude for themselves for the future, —

And the Clerk is Directed to send Each of those Monthly Meetgs a Coppy of this Minute. Coppy Extracted From the minutes of Rhodeisland Quarterly Meetg held the 11th & 12th of the 4th Mo 1793 —

Benja Freeborn Clerk

Our Friend Sarah Talbut attended this Meetg With a Certificate from the Monthly meetg of Concord, Delaware County, Pensylvania, Dated 8th 5th Mo 1793 Which With her Company & Labour of Love amongst us are truly acceptable

Also Stephen Mendenhall, Companion for Sarah, attended at this time Whose Company & Labour in the Discipline are Likewise acceptable

At a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield 29th 8th Mo 1793. The Representatives appointed at the Preparative Meetg are Joseph Comstock & Rufuse Smith. Who being called Rufus Present & Joseph Absent. Who sent a Sattisfactory Reason for his absence

The Representatives to attend the Quarterly Meetg Inform they attended according to appointment, and Produced Several Extracts from our Last Yearly Meetg. Which hath been Read & is accepted & Lodged for Recording. And Walter Allen is appointed to Insert in our Several books of Discipline the late alteration of the 3d Query & Report when accomplished —— they also Produced an Extract from sd Quarterly Meetg Informing that £ s d 18-6-3 Remains unpaid for Repairing of the Meetg house at Newtown Towards which Friends are Desired to Subscribe in season and send an amount thereof to Our Next Meetg the Representatives Like wise Inform that £ s d 1-12-6 Was sent from Greenwich Monthly Meetg Towards Defraying the Expence of the Meetg house Lately built at Glouester, Which Sum is Dld the Treasurer,

The Comtee Continued to Revisit Glouester particular Meetg Report in Writing Which upon Deliberate Consideration & Several Weighty Remarks thereon, is accepted & is as followeth Viz

We of the Comtee Who was Requested by the Monthly Meetg to Revisit Glouester Meetg, Report, that some of us have again Visited it, & still are of the Opinion that it will be safe to grant their Request & Establish a Preparative Meeting there for One year all Which we Submit to the Monthly Meetg to be held 29th 8th Mo 1793

Elizabeth Sprague
Deborah Mowry
Alles Sprague

Wm Buffum
Jona Mowry
Walter Allen
George Arnold
Thomas Mowry

Whereupon the Friends that Constitute that Perticular Meetg have now Liberty granted to hold a Preparative Meetg there, & their first to be held on 4 Day in the week preceding our monthly Meetg In the Ninth Month Next, And so in Course to to Continue untill otherwise altered by this Meetg. And being apprehensive that Usefulness may be Derived by appointing a Solid Comtee to Visit & Assist said Preparative Meetg from time to time as they may feel their minds Disposed, Wherefore our friends Ananias Mowry Benjamin Pierce Uriah Jilson George Comstock Elisha Thornton Benidick Remington & Jonathan Mowry are appointed for that Service: and they Desired to make Return to this Meetg Once in Three Months During the Term of One year ——

The Comtee Produced a Certificate for Joseph Battey, to Uxbridge Monly Meetg in Order for Marriage. Which is approved & signed by the Clerk

Our Beloved Friend Elias Hicks attended this Meetg & herein Produced a Certificate from a Monly Meetg held at Jericho on Long Island Dated 18th 4th Mo 1793: With a Concurring Indorsment thereon from the Quarterly meeting of New york held the 25th of the same. Expresing their Unity With him as a minister & With his Proposed Visit to friends in these parts. Which is With his Company and services among us truly acceptable

Also our Beloved friend James Mott attended this Meetg & Produced a Certificate from the Purchase Monly Meetg State of new york held 9th 5th Mo 1793 Setting forth friends Unity With him as an Elder and & with his accompanying Elias on his Religious Visit Whose Company & Services is Very acceptable

At a monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 26th 9th Mo 1793
The Representatives appointed at the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Seth Kelly & Jonathan mowry from Glouchester Jesse Battey & Enoch Steere. Who being Called are all Present

The Overseers Inform that the time for which they were appointed is Expired therefore they are Dismissed & our friends Jonathan Mowry Jeremiah Ballard Rufus Smith Uriah Jillson & Seth Kelly; are appointed Overseers for the year Ensuing.

The Womens Monthly Meetg Informed that they have Concluded to accept Susanah Jillson (Wife of Nathan) as a member of Society. and this Meetg uniting With their Conclusion She is accepted accordingly

It being Received in this Meetg; that a Reappointment or new choice of Visitors in this Meetg might be usefully Enterd into in the Early part of our Next monthly Meetg Which is Concluded Upon in that Way—

The Queries have been read in this Meetg & answers thereto Sent from the Preparative Meetgs from Which General answers were Composed; and Inserted in our acct to the Quarterly Meetg; Signed by the Clerk and Committed to Benja Battey Seth Kelly and Wm Buffum our Representatives to that Meetg Who are Desired to attend to attend to their appointment & Report to our Next Meetg

Wm Buffum & George Comstock are appointed to make provision for horses at the time of Our next Quarterly Meetg at this house. and Report the Expence arising there from to Our Next Meetg

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Informing that Our Beloved Friend Elisha Thornton Spread before that Meetg a Concern that had for some time attended his mind to make a Religeous Visit to Friends in Salem Quarter And he Reviving his Concern here. and this and the Womens Monthly Meetg feeling Sympathy and Unity With him in his proposed Visit - being a member in Unity & a minister in good Esteem among us: Leave him at Liberty to Proceed as truth may Open his Way— and the Clerk is Directed to furnish him With a Coppy of this minute

And George Smith Seth Kelly George Comstock & James Smith are appointed to make a Visit to Elisha and his family and afford the necessary assistance towards sd Journey

10mo 1793 At a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield the 31st 10th Mo 1793. the accounts from the preparative Meetgs being Produced the Representatives therein Named are from Smithfield Jona Sayles & Benedick Remington from Glocester Benja Battey & Chad Smith Who being Called are all Present

Agreeably to the Conclusion of Last monly
Meetg in Respect to a new Choice of
Visitors in this Monthly Meeting. Our
Friends George Smith & Rufus Smith are
appointed Visitors for the Ensuing year, and they
Desired Cherfully to attend to that Service:
agreeably to the pointings of truth in their
Own minds. Who are Directed to make Report
to this Meetg att the End of the Ensuing year

The Representatives to attend the Quarterly meetg Report
that Benjamin & Wm attended according to
appointment. and Seth Kelly Informing that his absence
Was Occationed by Visiting a Sick brother at time
Which Information is Satisfactory to Friends.

They Produced a Coppy of a minute from sd
Quarterly Meetg: accompanied With a Transcript
of an Epistle from Our Last Yearly Meetg
Which has been Read to Sattisfaction, and agreeably to
the Yearly Meetgs Request Jonathan Mowry
James Smith & Seth Kelly jun are appointed to
Consider and attend to the advices therein Contained.
Respecting the Necessary assistance afforded to
the poor among us: and Report their Progress
therein to this Meetg in the 12 Mo. Next

Sd Quarterly Meetgs minute Informing that
£5-2-11 is this Meetgs Proportion of the Yearly
Meetgs Stock: Which Sum We now Recom-
mend to the Several Preparative Meetgs Who are
Desired to Subscribe freely thereto
and Send an account thereof to Our Next
Monly Meetg
The Comtee to Provide house Keeping for
Our Last Quarterly Meetg Report that £3-10-6
is the Expence thereof: Which Sum Our

Treasurer is Directed to pay he being furnishd
With an Order from this Meetg: Desiring the Quarte
-ly Meetgs Treasurer to repay the same

The Womens Monthly Meetg informed that
they had Concluded to grant the Request of Enou
Steere's two Daughters Viz(Dernalipha & abigail
and admit them members of Society; and this
Meetg Concurring therwith they are admitted
accordingly.

Smithfield Preparative Meetg
Sent up an acknowledgment from Abner
Bartlet Which being read Do appoint
Benjamin Battey Joseph Comstock & Walter
Allen to make a Visit to abner & family
and Endeavour to feel after the Sincerity
of his mind & Suitableness of his being Rein-
stated to Society: & make Returns to Our
Next Meetg

11 mo
1793

At a monthly Meetg of Friends held
at Smithfield 28th 11 mo 1793
The accounts from the Preparative Meetgs being present
ed the Representatives therin named are from Smith
field Benedick Remington & John Smith from
Glouester Jeremiah Ballard all Present

The Comtee to Visit Abner Bartlet
Report that they have had an Opportunity
With him at his own house; and his
acknowledgment being now Read; thappears to
be the sense of this Meetg that it will be safe
to accept it; and Conpois him again a mem
ber of society; the Womens Meetg also Expressing
Unity therwith it is accepted accordingly and he
Restored to Friends; and George Comstock is
appointed to Read his acknowledgment at the
Close of a publick Meetg at this house; and Repo
When accomplished

The Womens Monthly Meetg Inform that they have Concluded to Receive Silence Smith as a member of Society: and this Meetg Uniting therewith She is Receivd accordingly

Smithfield Prepative Meetg that £ 1-13 Was Raised & Deld the Treasurer also 1 12 6 Was Raised at Glocester Prepative Meetg and Dd the Treasurer Which Sums are toward Supplying the yearly Meetgs Treasurer; and friends are Desired to Continue their Collections Untill the £ 5 2-11 is Raised

The time for Which the School Comtee was appointed appears to be Expired therefore they are Dismised: and David Mowry Benjamin Pearce William Buffum Chad Smith Walter Allen George Smith 3rd & Enoch Steere are appointed to act in that Capacity the Insuing year & they Desird to attend to the Trust in them Reposed

At a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield the 26th of the 12 Mo 1793 the accounts from the Preparative Meetgs being Produced the Representatives therein Named are from Smithfield David Mowry and Nehemiah Sprague from Glocester James Smith & Joseph Battey Who are all Present

The Queries & answers from the Preparative Meetgs have been Read and General Answers therefrom Composed & forwarded with Our account to the Quarterly Meetg by Chad Smith Walter Allen & Uriah Jepson Whom we appoint as Representatives thereto and they to Report to our Next Meetg

The Comitee to Inspect into poor friends Circumstances: Report: that they have made Some progress therein: but not fully accomplished their Service, Wherefore they are Continued & Desired to Report to this Meetg in the 2d Month Next

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Inform that they Raised & Deliverd the Treasurer £ s D 2-8-2 And the Treasurer Informs that he has paid £ 5-2-11 to the Yearly Meetings Treasurer ———

Our Friend Elisha Thornton Returned a Coppy of a minute granted in the 9th Mo Last to Perform a Religeous Visit to Friends in Salem Quarter, Informing that he has Performed sd Visit ———

1 mo
1794

At a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield the 30 Day of the 1st Mo 1794 — the Representatives Named at the Preparative Meetgs are from Smithfield Zacheus Southwick & Nehemiah Sprague, from Gloucester Enoch Steere - Who being Called are all Present

The Representatives to attend the Quarter Meetg Report. that they all attended, and Brought a Coppy of a minute from sd Quarterly Meetg. Which is as follows Viz Uxbridge Mo Meetg in their account Inform that the Meetg house at Leicester is furnished. the Cost of Which is £123 towards Which £47-17-8 is Paid by that Meetg; and the assistance of this Meetg towards the Remainder Will be acceptable

It is therefore Recomended to the Several
Mo-Meetgs to Subscribe thereto in Freedom
and forward to Sd Meetg & an account thereof
to Next Quarter; & the Clerk is Directed to
Send Each Monthly Meetg a Coppy of this
Minute — Coppy Extracted from the minute
of a Quarterly Meetg held at Somersett
for Rhodeisland the 9th 1st Mo 1794 e
By Benja. Freeborn Clerk

And Friend are Desired to Subscribe
Freely thereto & send an account thereof
to Our Next Meetg ——

The Monthly Meetgs Audit Inform they
have Lately Settled accounts With the
Treasurer & find a Ballance of £1-1-10½
Due to him; Which Sum friend are Desired
to Collect & pay ——

And William Buffum is Reappointed
Treasurer to this Meetg

Recd 4 Printed Epistles from the
Last yearly Meetg in London; one of
Which has been Read to sattisfaction and
Lodged With the Clerk, the Others George
Comstock Chad Smith & George Smith Jnr
are Desired to Read at the Several
Perticuler Meetgs belonging to this —

The Women Inform they have Disowned
Unity With Phebe Robbins Daughter of
Jirah Wilcox, with Which this Meetg approves

George Comstock Returned
Abner Bartletts acknowlegment - Which has
been Read as Directed; and now Deld for
Recording ——

Smithfield Preparative Raised
and Deld the Treasurer £0-11 ——

At a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield 27th of the 2d Mo 1794 the Representatives from the Preparative Meetgs are from Smithfield Elisha Thornton & George Arnold, from Glocester Stephen Battey & Thomas Smith all Present

The Womens Monthly Meetg Informed that they had come to a conclusion to accept Drusilla Bartlet (Wife of Abner) a member of Society, & this Meetg having Uni[illegible] therewith. She is accepted accordingly

The Comtee appointed to Inspect into Poor friends Circumstances Report in Writing Which is Concluded to be Referd for the Consideration of Next monthly Meeting

The Comtee appointed to Encourage friends to raise thirty Pounds for a Library in addition to the books belonging to this Meetg Report, that £11-5 is Subscribed for that Purpose, & the prospect appearing some what hopeful for an addition thereto, therefore the Comtee are Continued to attend to the Case, and make Returns to this Meetg in the 5th Mo Next, & Asa Rhoads and Walter Allen are appointed to assist as Way Opens

This Meetg is Informed by Smithfield Preparative Meetg that George Comstock proposes removing with his family within Uxbridge Monthly Meetg, & Requests a Certificate for himself & Son George; (If approved of) Whereupon George Arnold Jonathan Mowry and Walter Allen are appointed to Consider the Circumstance & if Way Opens Report an Essay of a Certificate for that purpose to our Next Meetg

At a Monthly Meetg of friends held at
Smithfield the 27th of the 3d Mo 1794

The account from the Preparative Meetg being Preſented the Repreſentatives named therein are from Smithfield Enos Mowry & John Mann from Glouceſter James Smith & Benjamin Battey who being are all Preſent

The Clerk being abſent Chad Smith is Deſired to write for this time

The Queries & anſwers from the Preparative Meetgs have been read & General anſwers agreed too, and Sent forward to the Quarterly Meetg by Rufus Smith Seth Kelly and And Benjn Pearce - Who are appointed Repreſentatives therto, & Deſired to attend to that appointment and Report our Next Meetg

The Matter Referred to this Meetg Reſpecting Viſiting of the poor, as Directed in the Last yearly Meetgs Epiſtle, is again to the Conſideration of Next Monthly Meetg

One of the Comittee appointed to Draw a Certificate for George Comſtock & son George Informs, that the Comittee has paid some attention thereto, but Nothing accompliſhed therefore the Comtee are Continued, and to Report to Our Next Meetg

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Informed that Joseph Bartlet Sent an acknowlegment to that Meetg, and being here Read We appoint Seth Kelly Benidick Remington & Uriah Jepſon acomtee to Viſit Joseph & family in Order to Diſcover the Sincerity of his acknowlegment, and Report to Our Next Meetg

Smithfield Preparative Meetg also Inform that they Raised & sent to the Treasurer £ 2–1–3 toward Defraying the Expence of Leicester Meetg house

David Mowry & William Buffum are appointed to Inquire into the Circumstance of Laban Comstock, who hath Removed with his family, into the verge of Uxbridge Monthly Meetg without a Certificate; & If Nothing appears to hinder his having a Certificate to Produce one to Next Monthly Meetg

The Bible Given this Meetg by the Yearly Meetg has Come to hand & is Orderd Lodged with the Register of this Meetg at Present, and he to let such friends have it as seems best, they to Return it as he Directs

4 mo
1794

At a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield ye 24th of the 4th Mo 1794 The accounts from the Preparative Meetgs being Presented, by which it appears that the following friends were appointed to attend this Meetg Vizt from Smithfield George Arnold & Wm Buffum from Glocester Zadoc Smith & Jessa Battey who are all present

The Representatives to attend the Quarterly Meetg Report they all attended agreable to appointment

The Com'tee to Visit Joseph Bartlet & family, Report, they have Visited him at his own house, & have Unity with his being again Considerd a member of Society— yet his acknowledgment not being present in which some alteration has been made his Case is Referd one Month on that account

The Comtee to Prepare Certificates for George Comstock & Son George Reported Essays thereof, Which after Several Judicious Remarks were approved, Signed by the Clerk and Ordered Recorded

The Friends appointed Inform that they have Paid attention to the Circumstance of Laban Comstocks Removel, & Suppose they Shall be Ready to report a Certificate for that Purpose to our next Meetg

The Report of the Comtee Referd to this Meetg (in Respect to assisting the poor being now Considerd, by Which it appears) that the Necessary attention has been Paid thereto and assistance afforded to the poor belonging to this Meetg and Information given to friends of Uxbridge Monly Meetg of the Circumstance of the family belonging to that Meetg Who are now Reciding in this Meetg

A Complaint of the the Overseers Coming before this Meetg, Expressing that Ananias Mowry Junr has Much Neglected the attendance of Our Religeous Meetgs for Worship & Disipline, & measurably Departed from plainness — and friends feeling their minds tenderly turned towards him Do appoint Joseph Comstock James Smith Wm Buffum & Jeremiah Bollard to Visit him In Love & Endeavour to Lay before him the hurtful Consequences of these things and make Return to Our next Meetg

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Inform that £21 was Dld the Treasurer & 12 Shillings Gloucester Prepative Meetg raised & forwarded to the Treasurer — also Six pounds one years Interest on a note of hand this Meetg hold against Wm Buffum was Indorsed thereon and Dld the Treasurer

5 mo
1794

At a Monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield ye 29th of the 5th Mo 1794
The Friends appointed by the Preparative Meetg to attend this are from Smithfield Seth Kelly and Nehemiah Sprague from Glocester Jeremiah Ballard & Enoch Steere: Who being Called are all Present Except Seth Kelly Who this Meetg is Informed is not able to attend

The acknowledgement of Joseph Bartlet being now presented & read. Which is acceptable to Friends Wherefore Joseph is again reunited in membership And being the sense of this Meetg that his acknowledgment be Publickly Read therefore Asa Rhoads is appointed to read the same & Report When accomplished

The Comtee Inform they are not Ready to Produce a Certificate for Laban Comstock at present: therefore they are Continued and Desired to afford the necessary assistance in that Case & Report a certificate to our next Meetg

Three of the Comtee in the Case of Ananias Mowry 3rd Inform: that altho Considerable Exertion on their part has been Used for an Opportunity With him yet Ineffectual by a Disposition, apprehended, to Shun the Company & advice of his best Friends: and his State of mind (sorrowfully) appearing such that little or no Encouragement is afforded for further Labour at present Wherefore it now seemeth best to Friends to Disown Unity With him as a member of Society & George Arnold & Walter Allen are appointed to Inform therof & of his Right of appeal & Prepare a Testimony of his Denial And bring to Next Monthly Meetg.

The Clerk Informing that the time for which he was appointed is Expired: therefore Jona Mowry Joseph Comstock & Jessa Battey are appointed to Consider of Some Suitable friend for that Service the Ensuing year: and Treat with him on that account and Report to our next Meetg

Zacheus Southwick is appointed to have the necessary Care of this house Viz to keep the key and Open & Shut the Doors on all Proper occations and that in Due Season —

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Inform that £1-4-10 was Deld the Treasurer: Who is now Directed to forward £5 to Uxbridge Monthly Meetings Treasurer in Complyance with the Quarterly Meetgs Request in the 12 mo Last: towards defraying the Expence of Leicester Meeting House.

At a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield the 26th Day of the 6th Mo 1794

The Friends Named to attend this Meetg as Representatives are from Smithfield Seth Kelly & Jonathan Sayles from Glocester Joseph Battey & Zadoc Smith Who are all Present

The Comtee in the Case of a Clerk Inform that Walter Allen is Willing to serve the Meetg One year more and no Objection appearing he is Reappointed for that time

Asa Rhoads Informed that he has Read the acknowledgment of Joseph Bartlet as Directed Which is now Deld for Recording

This Meeting Recd the following Certificate Viz

From Our Quarterly Meety held at Seabrook for Salem the 25th of the 1st Mo 1794; To the Monthly Meety of Friends at Smithfield:

Dear Friends Our Beloved Friend Elisha Thornton attended our Quarterly Meety in the 10th Mo Last. With the Coppy of a minute from your Monthly Meety Concuring with his proposed Visit. and having in the Course thereof attended all the Perticular Meetys hereto belonging Except one: in Which his Gospel Labours & services were to Good Satisffaction—

Signed in & on behalf of Our Quarterly Meety aforesaid
By Jerimiah Hacker Clk
Anna Hacker Clerk

This Meety also Recd a Coppy of a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meety Informing that Wing Kelly a member thereof; is Resideing within the Compass of this Meety; Which is accepted & Friends Desired to have the Necessary Care of the Lad

The Committe Report that Laban Comstocks affairs remain unsettled as at last month therefore the Case is Continued one month more under the Comtees Care they then to Report

The Comtee Report that Ananias Mowry Jnr has been Informed of his Denial agreable to appointment; but a testimony thereof is not made out: therefore the Comtee are Continued & Desired to Produce one to our Next Meety.

Our Beloved Friend Mehetable Jenkins attended this Meety on her way to Oblong State of New York and Produced a Certificate from a monthly Meeting held at Dover (State of New hampshire) the 31st of the 5th mo 1794 And Concurd at Salem Quarterly Meety in the 6th month following: Which is with her Company & Labours among us Very acceptable—

7 mo
1794

At a monthly Meetg of Friend held at Smithfield the 31th of 7th Mo 1794 — the accounts from the Preparative Meetg being Produced the Representatives Named therein are from Smithfield George Smith & Abner Bartlet from Gloucester Benja Battey and Jerimiah Ballard: Who being Called are all Present

The Queries have been Read in this Meetg & answers thereto Sent from the Preparative Meetgs from which General Answers were made out and Inserted in Our account to the Quarterly Meetg Signed by the Clerk: & Committed to Our Representatives Benja Battey Jona Mowry & Benja Phican to transmit to that Meetg and they to Report their attention to Our Next Meetg.

The Comtee Exhibited a Draught of a Certificate for Laban Comstock & Wife Recomending them to Uxbridge Monly Meetg Which is approved by this & the Womens Monly Meetg: Signed by Each Clerk & ordered Recorded.

A Proposition from Gloucester Preparative Meetg was Read in this. Whether it might not be Useful to appoint Rufus Smith to the Station of an Elder: Which Upon Deliberate Consideration Do appoint Seth Kelly Joseph Comstock & Jona Mowry to make a Visit to Rufus and his family: & Endeavour to feel after the mind of truth & Propriety of such an appointments taking place and make Report to Our Next Meetg

Our Beloved Friend Joshua Evans attended this Meetg. and Presented a Certificate from a monthly Meetg held at Haddonfield in new Jersey the 10th of the 3rd Mo 1794 With a Concurring Indorsment theron from a Quarterly Meetg held at Haddonfield the 21st of the same; both Uniting with his Concern to perform a Religious Visit to Friends in these Parts Which is with his Company & Service and Labours of Love amongus truly acceptable & Comforting

Also Our Friend Thomas Rotch attended here With a Coppy of a minute from New bedford Monthly Meetg Expressing Friends Unity With his accompanying Joshua Evans in his further Visit Eastward. Which is also With his Company Very acceptable

Our Beloved Friend Elisha Thornton Spread before this & the Womens Monthly Meetg a Concern that hath Some time attended his mind to make a pretty General Visit Throughout this Quarter, and friends feeling Unity therewith. Our friends Rufus Smith Seth Kelly Wm Buffum & George Arnold are appointed to assist him in A Visit from time to time as may appear Necessary.

At a monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 28th of the 8th Mo 1794

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetgs are from Smithfield George Arnold & George Smith from Glocester Chad Smith & Enoch Steere, Who being Called are all Present Except Chad Smith. Who this Meetg is Informed is from home in Company With Elisha Thornton Who is on a Religious Visit.

The Representatives to attend Last Quarterly Meetg Report that they attended as Directed: and Presentted a Transcrip of an Epistle from Our Last Yearly Meetg Which hath been read to Sattisfaction & Ordered Recorded; they also Presented Several Extracts from sd Yearly Meetg One of Which Walter Allen is appointed to Insert in the Several books of Discipline belonging to this Meetg & Report When accomplished — it also appears by a line from the Clerk of the Quarterly Meetg that this Meetgs Proportion of the Yearly Meetgs Stock is £5-2-11 Which Sum the Several Preparative Meetgs are Desired to Colect & forward to this Meetg

It being moved by a member of the Select Meetg Whether it might not be Useful to Appoint Anna Thornton to the Station of an Elder; Which upon Due Consideration Do appoint George Arnold Joseph Comstock and Wm Buffum in Conjunction With a Comtee of women friends to pay her a Visit on that accot and Weightily feel after the mind of Truth & Suitableness of her being appointed to that Station and make Return to Next monthly Meetg

The Comtee Reported a Testimony of Denial against Ananias Mowry 2nd Which is Lodged on file for the Consideration of Next Monthly Meetg

The Comtee in the Case of Rufus Smiths being appointed to the Station of an Elder Report that they have taken an Opportunity With him in his family to good Sattisfaction Wherefore he is now with the Concurrence of the women appointed an Elder in Society and George Smith is appointed to Inform the Select Meetg thereof

Smithfield Preparative Meetgs Account Inform that Seth Kelly jur Requested the Care of Friends for his two Sons Namely Moses & Samuel Kelly Whereupon Uriah Jilson Benjamin Pierce and Rufus Smith are appointed to take that matter into Consideration and Pay Seths family a Visit and Report to our Next Meetg

The Comtee Who were appointed to build a horse Shed and fence the Lot at Glocester New Meetg house Report that the same is accomplished: are they Directed to Draw on this Meetgs Treasurer for payment thereof accordingly sd Shed and fence is this Meetgs Property

25-9
1794

At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 25th of the 9th Mo 1794 the Representatives from the Preparative Meetgs are from Smithfield Zacheus Southwick & George Smith jur from Glocester Jesse Battey & Zadoc Smith all Present

Two of the Comtee in the Case of Seth Kelly Junrs Request for his Children, Report that they have visitted the family & think well that the meeting proceed as seems best, and friends being United in the Opinion that it may be safe to receive them as members of this meetg: Wherefore they are Recd accordingly

of

The Testimony of Annanias Mowry Junrs Denial, not being Present the Consideration thereof is again Refered to next monly Meetg

Part of the Comtee to Visit Anna Thornton, Report in Writing by Which it appears that they have Unity with her being appointed to that Station & now having been Weightily Considerd by both Meetgs, Do unite therein, & She is accordingly appointed to the Station of an Elder ——

The Queries have been read with answers thereto And were approved & Inserted in an account to the Quarterly Meetg Which was also approved & forwarded by our Representatives James Smith Seth Kelly & David Mowry & they to Report to our Next Meetg

Wm Bussum Benja Peirce & Zacheus Southwick are appointed to provide horse keeping for friends horses, at the time of the Ensuing Quarterly Meetg at this house & Report the Expence thereof to our Next Meetg.

The Preparative Meetg of Smithfield in their account Inform that Silas Earle Proposed Laying his Intentions of marriage with Rachel Thornton before this meetg, he having Produced a Certificate of Clearness from the Monthly Meetg of Uxbridge Wherefore they appeard and Declard their Intentions accordingly & were Referd to Next Monthly Meetg for an answer

Said Preparative Meetg Inform that Asa Rhoads proposes Removing within the Verge of Hoosack Monthly Meetg & Desires friends advice therein Whereupon Wm Bussum Rufus Smith Jonathan Mowry Seth Kelly George Arnold David Mowry Uriah Jillson & Benjamin Peirce are appointed to give him such Such advice as appears to them Necessary & Report to Next Monthly Meetg What they think best in Respect to his Removal

Said Preparative Meetg also Inform that they have Raised and Delivered the Treasurer 39/

Gloucester Preparative Meetg Inform that Abraham Walker has very much neglected the attendance of Meetgs hath kept vain & unprofitable Company: also attended a training as a Soldier— Whereupon Jon^a Sayles Benedick Remmington Benjamin Pearce & Zaccheus Southwick are appointed to Labour with him as way may Open: and Report to next Monly Meetg what they think best to be Done in that Case——

The Womens Meetg informs that they have Disowned Unity with Elizabeth man of Which this Meetg approves——

At a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield the 30th Day 10th Mo 1794- the accounts from the Preparative Meetgs being Produced the Representatives therein named are from Smithfield George Arnold and George Smith from Gloucester James Smith and Jeremiah Ballard; all Present.

The Testimony of Ananias Mowry Junrs Denial being now Presented & Read. Which is approved Signed by the Clerk and Orderd Recorded ——

The Representatives to Last Quarter Report that they all attended as Directed,

The Comtee Reported a bill of Expence arising from Provision made for friends horses at Last Quarterly Meetg, the amount whereof is £ 3-9-6, Which is accepted, & Our Treasurer Furnished with an Order to Receive the Same of the Quarterly Meeting Treasurer——

Silas Earle & Rachel Thornton appear'd in this Meeting & Informed that they Continued their Intentions of Marraige & Recd an answer accordingly Whereupon Wm Buffum & George Smith are appointed to attend their marraige agreable to Discipline and Report to our Next Meetg

The Womens Meetg Inform that they have Concluded to Receave Lucy Rhoads and Elizabeth Little as members of Society of Which this Meetg approves, & they Recd accordingly

The Comtee in the Case of Asa Rhoads's Removel Report in Writing Which is accepted. and the Comtee Continued to prepare a Certificate (if Nothing appear to hinder) and bring to next Monly Meetg, & also to assist the Women in Preparing one for his Wife,

One of the Comtee in the Case of Abraham Walker Inform that they have not had an Opportunity with him, therefore they are Continued to Visit him as Directed at Last month, and Report to our Next Meetg

The Comtee appointed in the 8th mo Past year to Visit & Revisit Gloucester Preparative Meeting for One year Report that they have in Conjunction with the Womens Comtee paid (as they apprehend) the Necessary attention to their appointment

Raised at Smithfield Preparative Meetg £2-1-4 & Pd the Treasurer
also Gloucester Preparative Meetg raised and Pd the Treasurer £1-10

At a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield the 27th of the 11th Mo 1794

The accounts from the Preparative Meetgs being Presented the Representatives Named therein are from Smithfield Wm Buffum & Uriah Gifford from Glocester Benjamin Battey & Chad Smith all Present

The Comtee appointed to attend the Marriage of Silas Earle & Rachel Thornton Report that the Same was Conducted in a becoming manner & their Certificate Dd for Recording

The Comtee Exhibited a draught of a Certificate in favour of Asa Rhoads & Lucy his wife Recommending them to the Monthly Meetg of friends at East Hoosack; which being Deliberately Considered is approved and signed by the Clerk of Each Meetg and Ordered Recorded

The Comtee Inform that they have taken Considerable pains to have an Opportunity with Abraham Walker, but have failed by his non attention to his promise, & at this time little or no Encouragement afforded for further trial, And many friends Expressing Clearness in Disowning Unity with him as a member, & he is therefore disownd accordingly. & Benjamin Battey & David Mowry are appointed to Inform him of his Denial & Right of appeal & prepare a testimony & bring to our Next Meetg

Smithfield preparative Meetg Inform that Wm Bassett by a letter Informed that Meetg that he proposd to Lay his Intentions of marriage with Ruth Harkness before this Meetg, and he being furnished with a Certificate from the Monthly Meetg of Richmond Expressing their approbation therewith and Consent of parents being Produced. They appeared and Laid their Intentions accordingly & were Directed to Next Monthly Meeting for an answer

Said Meetg also Inform that they Raised & Deld the Treasurer Six Shillings.

The Overseers Inform that the time for Which they were appointed is Expired Wherefore they they are Dismissed & Jerimiah Ballard Uriah Jillson Joseph Comstock & Rufus Smith are appointed to Succeed in that Capacity the Ensuing Yeare And make Return to this Meetg Once in three months agreably to the Directions of our Discipline

This Meetg Recd twenty Printed General Epistles from the Yearly Meetg of London in 1794. One of Which has been Read to Satisfaction And James Smith Walter Allen & George Smith are appointed to Read three of them at the Close of the Several Meetgs belonging to this, and make Such Distribution of the Remainder as may appear most Useful to friends ——

12 mo
1794

At a monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield ye 25 of 12 Mo 1794 The Representatives appointed by the Preparative Meetgs are from Smithfield Jabez King & Joseph Bartlet from Gloucester Rufus Smith & Joseph Battey Who being Called are all Present

The Comtee Inform they have Informed Abraham Walker of his Denial & Right of appeal Yet no testimony finished of his Denial the Comtee are Continued to finish the Same & Report to our Next Meetg

The Queries have been Read in this Meetg and answers thereto from the Preparative Meetgs from Which General answers Were Composed and with a little alteration Were approved and sent with our account to the Quarterly Meetg by Walter Allen Jerimiah Ballard & George Smith jur & they to Report to our Next Meetg

Wm Basset & Ruth Harkness appeard in this Meetg & Informed that they Continued their Intentions of marriage. & Recd an answer accordingly & Wm Buffum & George Arnold are appointed to attend their marraige Agreeably to Our Discipline & Report to Our Next Monthly Meeting

George Smith Jur & Benidick Remington are appointed Overseers of Society in addition to the Comtee appointed at Lassmouth.

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Inform that John Allen has Removed Within the Verge of Greenwich Monthly Meetg, Whereupon Jonathan Mowry & George Arnold are appointed to Enquire into the Circumstance of his Removal, & Prepare a Certificate if nothing appears to hinder & bring to next Monthly Meetg. Said Preparative Meetg also Informed that £1-5-7 Was Raised & Deld the Treasurer

At a monthly Meeting of friends held at Smithfield the 29 of the 1st Mo 1795

The Representatives appointed by the Preparative Meetg are from Smithfield Joseph Comstock & Jonathan Cailes, from Glocester Enoch Steere & Jessa Battey Who being Called are all Present

The Comtee Continued to finish their appointment in the Case of Abraham Walker, presented a Draught of a Denial which with a little alteration is approved Signed by the Clerk & Lodged on file.

The Representatives to attend the Quarterly Meetg Inform that they all attended & Produced a Coppy of of a minute from sd Meeting Informing that £38-19s Remains unpaid ~~[illegible]~~ for

For the building of the meeting house at Douglass, Towards which friends are desired freely to Subscribe: and send an account to this Meetg when accomplished: said Representatives also Produced a line from the Clerk of ~~of~~ that Meetg: Informing that this Meetgs Proportion of the Quarterly Meetgs Stock is £5-2-11 therefore our Present Representatives are directed to apportion that Sum to the Preparative Meetgs in Order that the same may be Raised & sent up to next Quarterly

The Comtee to attend the marraige of Wm Bassett & Ruth Harkness, Report that according to their Observation it was Conducted Orderly & becoming our Profession: & their Certificate was Delivered for Recording ___

The Comtee Exhibited a Certificate In favour of John Allen Recommending him to the Care of East Greenwich monthly Meetg Which being approved is signed by the Clerk & lodged for Recording ___

Glouester Preparative Meetg Inform that Stephen Battey proposed to lay his Intentions of marraige with Selome Smith before this Meetg. they accordingly appeard and Declared their Intentions: Whereupon Jeremiah Ballard & Enoch Steere are appointed to Enquire into his Clearness therein. & Report to our next Meetg

The School Comtee Inform that the time for which they were appointed is Expired, accordingly they Presented a Summary account of their transactions for the year past, which after being read in this Meetg is ordered to be Entered with the Doings of the former School Committees — and said Comtee are Continued for that Service One year more they then to Report their Proceedings to this Meetg ___

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Pd the Treasurer £ 1-13-9
Glouester Meetg Raised and Sent to the Treasurer ___ 1 1 9

At a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield the 26 of the 2d Mo 1795 – the accounts from the Preparative Meetgs being presented, the Representative are for Smithfield Wm Buffum & Benja Peace from Glouceste Jessa Battey & Asa Smith Who being called are all Present Except Wm Buffum – the Clerk being absent Chad Smith is requested to Write for this time

Our Friend Joseph Cloud attended this this Meetg With a Certificate from Cane Creek Monthly Meetg Datted the 2d of the 8th Mo 1794 also an indorsment from a Quarterly Meetg held at Center Meetg house North Carolina the 11th of the same Which hath been With his Company & Gossper Labours to Our Satisffaction.

The Comitee to Enquire into Stephen Battys Clearness With Respect to marraige Report, they find Nothing to hinder his Proceeding, & they appeared in this Meetg & Recd answer accordingly And Jonathan Mowry & Benja Peace are appointed to attend & have the Oversight of sd Marraige & Deliver their Certificate for Recording, & Report to Our Next Meetg

The Visitors not being Ready to Report at this time, therefore they are Desired to get together And Endeavour to make a Report to Next Monthly Meetg

At a monthly Meeting of friends held at Smithfield ye 26th of the 3d Mo. 1795

The accounts from the Preparative Meetgs Being Preſented the Repreſentatives therein named are from Smithfield Jonathan Sayles & Enos Mowry From Glouceſter Thomas Owen & Benjamin Battey all preſent

The Queries With anſwers thereto from the Preparative Meetgs have been read in this: from Which General anſwers Were made out and sent With Our account to the Quarterly Meeting by our Repreſentatives Chad Smith George Arnold & Benedick Remington, Who are Deſired to attend & Report to Our Next Meetg —— This Meetgs Treaſurer is Directed to pay £ s d 5-2-11 to the Quarterly Meetgs Treaſurer, Which being Our Proportion of the Quarterly Meetgs Stock.

The Comtee Informed that they attended the Marraige of Stephen Battey & Silence Smith, & according to their Obſervation the Same was Conducted Orderly, & their Certificate Deld for Recording

The Viſitors as requested at Our last Monly Meetg make the following Report Viz that they have Viſited such families as they found their minds moſt turned towards And the new appointment thereof Refered to Ours next Meetg

Smithfield Preparative meetg Informs that Samuel Smith Requested a Certificate to the monly meetg of Providence setting forth his Clearneſs of marriage Engagments amongſt us Whereupon

Seth Kelly Junr & George Arnold are appointed to make the neceſsary Enquiry in that Case. and Report a Draught of a Certificate to our next Meetg if nothing appears to hinder ——

This Meetg being Informed that Walter Walker has Removed With his family Within Uxbridge Monly Meetg. Whereupon Walter Allen Benjamin Pearce & Enoch Steere are appointed in Conjunction With the women to prepare a Certificate for himſelf Wife & family & Report to our Next Meetg

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Raised and Sent to the Treaſurer — £2-2-1

Gloceſter Preparative Meetg Raised and Sent to the Treaſurer by Benjamin Battey £1-19-9

At a monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 30th of the 4th Mo 1795 the Friends named at the Preparative Meetgs for Representatives are from Smithfield Jonathan Mowry & George Smith from Gloceſter Jeſsa Battey & Jerimiah Ballard. Who being Called are all preſent; Except Jonathan Mowry Who is abſent by Reaſon of Sickneſs ——

This Meetg being Informed by Gloceſter Preparative Meetg that Jerimiah Thornton appeared in that Meetg & requeſted to Come under the Care of Friends & he appearing here & Continuing his request Do appoint Joſeph Comſtock Walter Allen George Arnold & George Smith to pay him a Viſit on that account & Labour to feel after the Sincerity of his mind & Suitableneſs of Granting this Request, and make Report to Next Monly Meetg ——

The Representatives to last Quarter Inform that they all attended Except Benedick Remington Who we are Informed sent to that Meety a satisfactory Reason for his absence.

The Subject of a new appointment of Visitors being pretty Weightily Revived at this time, & friends feeling their minds a little turned towards the Usefulness thereof. Do appoint Elisha Thornton Rufus Smith James Smith & Wm Bussum acommittee for that Service in Conjunction with such friends as the Women may see cause to appoint Who are Desired to attend to the pointings and leadings of truth thereunto: & make Return to this Meety at the End of one Year.

The Comtee Presented a Certificate Directed to providence monly Meety setting forth Samuel Smiths Clearness of marriage Engagments amongst us: Which is with a little alteration approved: and signed by the Clerk

The Comtee also Presented a Certificate in favour of Walter Walker Wife and Children Recomending them to the Care of Uxbrige Monthly Meety. Which is approved and signed in both Meetys & orderd Recorded

Chad Smith Benedick Remington and William Bussum are appointed to advise and assist the women in the Case of Lydia Allen formerly Lydia Smith, Who has as we are Informed lately married out of the the Order of friends:— they together to Consult the Circumstance: and prepare what appears necessary Report to our next Meety

Smithfield Preparative Meety Raised & Paid the Treasurer — £ 2-2-3

5mo 1795

At a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield the 28th of the 5th Mo 1795

The accounts from the Preparative Meetgs being Produced the Representatives therein named are from Smithfield Jonathan Sayles & Zacheu Southwick. from Glocester Zadoc Smith & Stephen Battey, Who being Called are all present

The Comtee appointed to have an Opportunity With Jeriamiah Thornton Report that three of them have had one accordingly (the other being absent by Reason of Sickness) and think of his being accepted a member of Society. Which being Sathisfactory to this & the Womens Meetg: he is accepted accordingly

The Comtee in the Case of Lydia Allen Inform that they have attended to their appointment; but the matter not fully Ripening on their minds at that time they are Continued one month more for further Service then to Report

Our Beloved Friend Samuel Smith attended this Meetg, & presented a Certificate from the monthly Meetg of Friends held at Philadelphai for the Northern District the 1st of the 4th Mo 1795 Expressing their unity With With his Performing a Religeous Visit to friends in these parts With a Concurring Indorsement theron from a Quarterly Meetg held in Philadelphia in the 5th Mo following, Which being Read is With his Company & Labours of Love amongst us Very acceptable

Also John Morton Jnr Companion for Samuel attended at this time Whose Company & Solid Deportment is Likewise accepttable

At a monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Smithfield the 25th Day of 6th Mo 1795
The Representatives appointed by the Preparative
Meetgs are from Smithfield Benjamin Peane
and Wm Buffum from Glouchester Jeremiah
Ballord & Joseph Battey all Present

The Committee to assist the Women
in the Case of Lydia Allen Inform that they
have had another Conference on the Subject, & think
well of the Case being left to the Discretion
and Disposal of the Womens monthly Meetg

Recd a Certificate from Sandwich
Monthly Meetg Directed to this - Datted the
1st of 8th Mo 1794, Recommending Stephen
Eastes to this Meetgs Care - Which is accepted
and Friends Desired to have a watchful Care
over the lad —

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Inform
that £1-18-6 was raised & Deld the Treasurer
Which is with the addition of 9/6 Ordered to be
paid to the Treasurer of Uxbridge Monthly Meetg
Towards Defraying the Expence of building the
Meetg house at Douglass

Friends at this time again Revived the
Usefulness of a libra in this Meetg,
Which Subject is once more Urged on
the Comtee with some Weight, to exert their
attention to the matter & see how much can
be made out. & Report in the Ninth
month Next or sooner If Conveniant

At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 30th Day of the 7th Mo 1795

The Representatives named in the accounts from the Preparative Meetgs are from Smithfield Walter Allen & David Mowry from Glowcester Benja Battey & Rufus Smith all Present

The Queries have been Read in this Meetg and answers thereto Composed from the answers of the Preparative Meetgs which with alittle amendment were approved & Inserted in an accot to the Quarterly Meetg Signed by the Clerk & sent up by Seth Kelly jun David Mowry Arca Smith And Benedict Remington Our Representatives thereto and they to Report to our next Meeting

At a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield the 27 8th Mo 1795

The accounts from the Preparative Meetgs being Presented the Representatives therein named are from Smithfield George Smith jun and Wm Buffum from Glowsester Enoch Steere and Zadoc Smith all Present Except Zadoc Smith who sent in writing a Sattisfactory reason for his absence

The Friends to attend the Quarterly Meetg Report they all attended Except David Mowry whose health at that time would not admitt of his attention thereto; & for whose absence a Satisfactory Reason to that Meetg was sent

And the Clerk of the Quarterly Meetg Exhibited a Coppy of a minute from P Meetg Informing that £4-15 was this Meetgs Proportion of the Yearly Meetgs Stock: therefore Our Preparative Meetgs are Desired to Collect that Sum & send Up to Our Next Monthly Meeting

Our Beloved Friends Deborah Derby and Rebecca Young from Shropshire in great Britton attended this Meetg and herein Presented Certificates from their Respective Monthly ~~Meetg~~ Meetgs Dated in 1793 — Which have been read in this Meetg & is With their Company and Labours of Love among us truly accepttable

Also Wm Rotch Junr Companion for the above friends attended at this time Whose Company is likewise accepttable

Wm Buffum Informs there is some Demand ~~on~~ this Meetgs Treasury - & not money therein Sufficent to Discharge the Same Wherefore Friends are Desired to Raise Six pounds at our next Preparative Meetgs & forward to the Treasurer and the present Representatives Directed to have the Care thereof

At a monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 24th 9th Mo 1795

The friends Named in the Preparative Meetg accounts to attend this as Representatives are from Smithfield Jabez Wing & Joseph Bartlet from Glocester Jerimiah Ballord & James Smith all Present.

The Queries have been Read in this Meetg & answers thereto Sent from the Preparative Meetgs, & from them general answers Composed, & approved, and sent up to the Quarterly Meetg with our account by James Smith Seth Kelly & Wm Buffum our Representatives to that Meetg & they Desired to Report at our next.

The Women Informed that they with the approbation of this Meetg. have Concluded to admit Unice Walling (wife of Joshua) a member of Society with which this Meetg approves.

Whereas the Next Quarterly Meetg is to be held at this house and some provision for horses necessary to be made. Wherefore Wm Buffum George Arnold & Zacheus Southwick are appointed for that service and to Report the Expence thereof to our Next Meetg.

At a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield the 29th 10th Mo 1795

The friends Named in the accounts from the Preparative Meetgs for Representatives are from Smithfield Zacheus Southwick & Jonathan Sayles from Glocester Jessa Battey & Enoch Steere all Present.

The Representatives to Last Quarter Inform they all attended agreable to appointment; and George Arnold as Clerk thereof agreably to the Meetgs Direction Laid before this Meetg Extracts from our last Yearly & Quarterly Meetgs. in Respect to Schooling; Which having been Read appear to Contain advice of Consequence to Society; & not Likely to be better Digested at this time than to submit the Contents thereof to a Comtee, Who are Desird Weightily to attend to the Subject as Truth may Open their way; & Endeavour to adopt some way and method Wherby Friends Children may be Schooled agreably to the advices therein Contained Whereupon Jabez Wing George Smith George Arnold Elisha Thornton James Smith Jonathan Mowry Enoch Steere Jessa Battey David Mowry & Benjamin Pearce; are appointed for the services above mentioned and Report to our Next Meetg

The Comtee appointed to make ~~to make~~ Provision for Our Last Quarterly Meetg Report the Expence thereof to be $\overset{£}{3}$=18 Which is accepted and an Order on the back of their account on the Quarterly Meetg Treasury signed by the Clerk

This Meetg Recd Six pounds one Years Interest on a note of hand this Meetg holds against Wm Buffum Which is Delivered the Treasurer and Indorsed on sd Note

And also $\overset{£}{1}$-$\overset{s}{14}$-$\overset{d}{2}$ Raised and Pd the Treasurer by Smithfield Preparative Meeting

This Meetg Recd a little time back a paper of acknowledgment from Abraham Brown of Danby Which Circumstance hath been attended to and a Letter Provided and Directed to be sent forward With his acknowledgment to the Monthly Meetg Within Which he Resides: Desiring that Meetg to take the Necessary Care thereof; and the Clerk is Directed to forward the same

At a monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 26th of 11 Mo 1795; accounts from the Preparatr Meetgs being sent up the Represtvs therein named are Smithfield Wm Buffum & John Man from Glocester Thomas Owen & Chad Smith Who are all Present

The Women Inform that they have Come to a Conclusion to accept the Request (of Hyrane Thompson) Wife of Olny) If this meeting approves thereof; and no Objection appearing She is accordingly Recd a member of Society

The Committee appointed in the Case of Schooling Inform that they have attended to that matter; but are not Ready to make a full Report at this time, therefore they are Continued for that Service and directed to Report to our Next Meetg.

Smithfield Preparative Meetgs account Inform that they Raised and Deliverd the Treasurer £1-17-10 Likewise the account from Glocester preparative Meetg Informs that they Raised and forwarded to the Treasurer £ 2-16-7.

The Overseers Inform that the ~~[illegible]~~ Year for Which they were appointed is Expired Wherefore Jessa Battey Berridi Remington and Benjamin Arnie are appointed overseers in Society the Succeeding Year With Such others as the Meetg may find freedom to Name at our Next monthly Meetg.

Also the Overseers of the poor Inform that they Desire to be Dismissed from that appointment thereupon George Arnold Chad Smith & Seth Kelly are appointed overseers of the poor for the Year Insuing.

The Women presented to this Meeting a Certificate from the monthly Meetg of Providence Recommending Hannah Smith (Wife of Samuel) with her three Children Lydia Mercy & James Comstock to the Care of this Meetg Which hath Read been and is accepted.

12 mo
1775

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smith=field the 31st Day of the 12th mo 1775. the Representatives appointed by the Preparative Meetgs are from Smithfield Benjamin Wing & Enos Mowry from Glocester Jerimiah Ballard & Area Smith all present

Recd a Certificate of Removal from the Monthly Meetg of Rhodeisland Recommending George Buffum to the Care of this Meetg Which is accepted and ordered Recorded.

The Queries and answers from the Preparative Meetgs have been Read in this, With General answers following Which were also Read and approved & approved and annexed to our account to the Quarterly Meetg Which is signed by the Clerk and Committed to our Representatives to that Meetg Who are Chad Smith Benja Peirce and Jona Mowry and they Desired to attend & Report to our Next Meetg

The Comtee in the Case of Schooling presented to this Meetg a written Report on the Subject Committed to them Which upon Consideration is thought best to be Refered to our Next Monthly Meetg for further Consideration thereon which is Refered accordingly

The Womens Meetg Informed that they With this Meetings approbation have Concluded to Disown Unity With Huldah Buffum & Barsheba Estes and this Meetg approving thereof they are Disowned accordingly.

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Inform that Samuel Daw Informed, that he Proposes to Remove With his family With in the Verge of Easton Monthly Meetg and Desires friends advice therein, & Certificate If Way Opens; Whereupon Zaccheus Southwick Jabez King Ananias Mowry & Jerimiah Ballard are appointed to take into Consideration in conjunction with the Women the propriety of Samuels Removal & give him such advice as may appear necessary & prepare a Certificate If that seems best and Report to Next Monthly Meetg

Said Meetg also Inform that 20/7 was Raised and forwarded to the Treasurer. —

The additional appointment of Overseers Refered for this Meetgs Consideration, has been Considered and is again Refered untill Our Next monthly Meetg

At a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield the 28 day of the first month 1796

The accounts from the Preparative Meetgs being presented the Representatives therein Named are from Smithfield Jonathan Sayles & Zaccheus Southwick from Glocester Zadoc Smith & Jeremiah Ballard all present.

The Report of the Comtee in the Case of Schooling hath been read & Reconsidered in this Meetg; Whereby it appears to be the Sense & Judgment of sd Meetg, that the Comtee (in Company with such Others as may have a mind to attend with them) again Resume the subject of Schooling & Reconsider all Circumstances attendant theron, and Report to Our Next Meetg.

The Representatives Report that they attended Our Last Quarterly Meetg agreable to Appointment.

The Committee in the Case of Samuel Davis removal Report, that they have taken the necessary Care of that matter, but am not ready to furnish with a Certificate at this time therefore they are Continued for the fulfilment of their appointment, and Report to our next Meetg.

The further appointment of Overseers is again Refered one month. —

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Sent up the following Complaint against Caleb Mowry Viz that he is keeping Company in order for marriage with one not of Said Society, Whereupon Elisha Thornton Rufus Smith & George Arnold are appointed to Treat with him on that account, & give him such advice as may appear best & Report to Our Next Meetg.

Said Meetg Raised & Pd the Treasurer 10/6

This Meeting recieved Eleven printed General Epistles from the yearly Meetg of London Last Year. one Whof has been Read to Sattington tion and George Arnold Zadoc Smith & George Smith are appointed to have the Care of Reading them at the Close of the Several perticular Meetgs belonging to this & Disposing of the Rest —

At a monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 25th of the 2d Mo 1796

The Representatives appointed by the preparative Meetgs to attend this. are from Smithfield Zacheus Southwick & Joseph Bartlet from Glouceste Rufus Smith & Jeremiah Thornton, Who being Called are all present except Rufus Smith Who is absent by Reason of Sickness in his Family

The Comtee Continued to Resume the Subject of Schooling made Report in Writing Which being weightily Considered by this Meetg, appears to be the Sense thereof that it Will be best to Refer the Report 3 mon. to further Consideration. and all Friends desired to let the Subject feelingly Occupy their minds in Order that it may Ripen for an Establishment or Dismission in future.

The Committee Reported a Certificate of Removal. Recommending Samuel Dow with his Wife & two Children to the Care of Easton Monthly Meetg (State of New york) Which is approved by this & the Womens Monthly Meetg Signed accordingly & Lodged for Recording, and the Clerk is desired to forward the same When Opportunity permits.

The Committee in the Case of Caleb Mowry Inform, that they have taken an Opportunity with him and he Confesses that he is Keeping Company in Order for marriage with one not of our Society Whereupon this Meetg seem united in disowning him from being a member of Society & with the approbation of the Women Meetg he is disowned accordingly and George Arnold & Benedict Remington are appointed to Inform him of his Denial & Right of appeal & prepare a Testimony of his Denial & bring to Our Next Meetg.

The additional appointment of Overseers Coming under Consideration at this time therefore Jonathan Mowry is appointed in addition to the former Overseers for that Service. ———

The Treasurer of this Meeting again Informes that this Meetg is in want of Money to Discharge the several Demands on him, Wherefore it is now Recommended to the Preparative Meetg to Subscribe in freedom for the payment thereof & send an account to Our Next Meetg ———

At a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield the 31st Day of the 3d Mo 1776. The accounts from the Preparative Meetg being presented the Representatives therein Named are from Smithfield Seth Kelly & John Mann from Glocester James Smith & Enoch Steere who being Called are all present. ———

The Queries & anſwers from the Preparative Meetgs have been read in this, With general Anſwers following, Which were alſo read and approved, and sent forward With this Meeting account to the Quarterly Meetg. by our Repreſentatives Wm Buſſum George Smith Junr and Zadoc Smith Who are Deſired to attend thereto & Report to Next monthly Meetg.

Smithfield Preparative Meetgs account Informs that £ 3-2-1 was Raised by that Meetg and Delivered the Treaſurer And £ 1-7-9 was Raised by Glouceſter Meetg and sent to the Treaſurer, Which money he is Directed to pay to pay to the Quarterly Meetgs Treaſurer.

The minute from our laſt Quarterly being Read and Conſidered herein, and is Concluded that the same be laid before our Next Preparative Meetgs & friends Deſired to Subſcribe freely thereto and send up to this Meetg and account thereof.

The Committee in the Case of Caleb Mowry Inform, that by Reaſon of Sickneſs and other Diſappointments, they have not Informed him according to appointment therefore they are Continued & Deſired to attend to the Case & Report to our Next Meetg.

Part of the monthly Meetgs Audit Inform that since laſt month they have settled accounts With this Meetgs Treaſurer, and find Due to him £ 2-11-2 - Which sum our Preparative Meetgs are Deſired to Collect and forward to the Treaſurer

4 mo
1796

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 28th 4 mo 1796

The Representatives Named in the Preparative Meetg accounts are from Smithfield Jonathan Mowry & Samuel Smith; from Glouester Chad Smith & Jessa Battey all present.

The Representatives Inform that that all attended our Last Quarterly Meetg agreable to appointment, & likewise inform that this Meetgs Proportion of the ~~Yearly~~ Quarterly Meetgs Stock is £5-8 Which is Directed to be laid before our Next Preparative Meetgs that the same may be raised and sent forward

The Comittee Continued to Inform Caleb Mowry of his Denial Re-Report, that he hath been Informed of his Denial thereof, and they Produced a testimony of his Denial Which with a little alteration is approved by Said Meetg, Signed and lodged for Recording.—

The Women Informed that they have Come to a Conclusion to Receive Lucy Howe under the Care of Friends, & this Meeting Uniting therewith She is Received accordingly.

They also Inform that they Concluded to Receive Rosella Smith under the Care of friends and this Meetg having no Objection thereto She is Likewise Received.

Glouester Preparative Meetg Inform that Dilwin Smith is in the practice of associating With rud and unreputable Company, hath played at Cards, and used profane Language, and also Neglected the advice of his parents & friends. Whereupon this Meetg finds freedom to appoint David Mowry Seth Kelly George Arnold & Benedict Remington a Comitte to Labour With him, & Endeavour Weightily to Lay before him the hurtful Consequence of these things, and Report to Our Next Meetg.

Smithfield Preparative Raised and Pd the Treasurer £2-3-7

At a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield the 26 of 5th Mo 1796 the friends Named by the Preparative Meetgs to attend this as Representatives are from Smithfield Elisha Kelly & William Buffum from Glouester Jerimeah Thornton & Enoch Steere Who being Called are all present.

The Comtee Inform that they have not had an Opportunity With Deliverance Smith since last monthly Meetg. Wherefore they are Continued for that Service and Desired to attend to the case and Report to Next Monthly Meetg

The Comtees Report on the Subject of Setting up a monthly Meetgs School, Referred to this Meetg for Consideration; hath been read and Considered herein. & Several Fervent & Judicious Remarks thereon made; With Some fresh propositions & prospects held up to view; Wherby it appears best that the Circumstance be Recommitted to the Comtee Who has the Care thereof; Who have now Liberty Granted to Confer With the Neighbouring Monthly Meetgs on the Subject If that appear best and Report their further Progress therein to this Meetg in the Seventh month Next.

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Inform that £1-9-5 was Raised & Dld the Treasurer and 4 0 6 was Raised by Glouester Preparative Meetg and Sent to the Treasurer; Who is now Directed to forward £3-10 to Greenwich monthly Meetg toward Defraying the Expences of building the Meeting house at Foster

At a monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Smithfield the 30th day of 6th mo
1796. Smithfield preparative Meetgs account being
Produced the Representative therein Named are
George Arnold & George Smith, and no account
appearing from Glocester Preparative Meetg but
we are verbally Informed that Benjamin Batter
and Rufus Smith were appointed to attend this
Meetg. Who being Called are all present.

Three of the Committee in the Case of
Dilwin Smith Inform that they have had an
Opportunity with him agreable to appointment
Which Opportunity afforded but little Encouragement for further Labour, Yet as one of the
Comtee was not present it appears best that
the Case be Refer'd one month under the Comtees
Care, Which is refer'd accordingly they then to Report

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Inform that they
Raised & Pd the Treasurer £ 3 0 5

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Smithfield the 28 of 7th Mo 1796
The accounts from the Preparative Meetgs
being Presented the Representative therein
Named are from Smithfield Zaccheus
Southwick & John Man From Glocester
Chad Smith & Jesse Battey all present
The Queries have been Read in this Meetg
and answers thereto Sent up from the Preparative
Meetgs, & from them General answers Composed, read
and approved and Sent forward with our accounts to
the Quarterly Meetg by George Arnold Zaccheus
Southwick James Smith & Rufus Smith & they Desired
to attend and the Report to our Next Meetg

The Womens Monthly Meeting Informed
that they had Concluded to grant the request of
Elizabeth Cook (Wife of Michal) & Receive her under
Friends Care & this Meetg approving thereof She
is Recd accordingly.— One of the Comtee Who
was absent at a former Opportunity with
Dilwin Smith Informs that Since last month he
has had an Opportunity With him, tho to but
little Satisfaction. yet it appears safe for Friends to
Wait on him one month more under the Comtees Care
they then to Report. ——

The Comtee in the Case of a monthly
Meetings School Inform that they are not Ready
to Report at this time. therefore they are Continued
for further Conference on the Subject & Report in the
Ninth month Next.

This Meeting Recd a letter from Danby
Monthly meeting in Which was Inclosed Abraham
Browns paper of acknowledgment which was Sent to them
Some months back in order for that Meetg
to feel after the Sincerity of his mind and Suitableness
of ~~granting~~ receiving thee Same— by Which it appears
that the Necessary Care by that Meetg has been
~~been~~ taken. and Satisfaction Obtained- Wherefore
this Meetg Receives his paper. and also him
Into Unity With Friends; and Wm Buffum and
Elisha Thornton are appointed to prepare a
Certificate for Abraham & bring to Next
Monthly Meetg.—

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Inform
that Seven Shillings Was Raised and Deld
the Treasurer ——

[illegible] Allen Clerk

8 mo
1796

At a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield the 25th of the 8th Mo 1796 —

The Representatives Named in the account from the preparative Meetgs: are from Smithfield Benjamin Pearce & George Smith from Glocester James Smith & Jeremiah Thornton, Who being Called are all Present —

The Representatives to last Quarterly Meetg Report that they all attended according to appointment and Produced several Extracts from our last Yearly and Quarterly Meetgs; Which have been Read to Sattisfaction And Friends are Desired to pay suitable attention to the many Weighty & Important advices & Conclutions therein Contained — and the Several Preparative Meetgs are Desired to Subscribe in freedom toward the £—16 therein Mentioned as this Meetgs proportion of the Yearly Meetgs Stock

And this Meetgs Treasurer Informing that he is in Want of money to Sattisfy some Demands on this Meetg therfore Pa Meetgs are Directed to Raise Six pounds and forward to the Treasurer, and the Clerk is Directed to Furnish Each Meetg With Coppies hereof —

This Meetg Receved Six pounds one years Interest On a note of hand this Meetg holds against William Buffum, Which Sum is Indorsed theron and Deliver the Treasurer.

The Comttee in the Case of Delwen Smith Report. that they feel Easy to Leave the matter to the Determi-nation of this Meetg, Supposing they have in a good Degree Discharged themselves toward him; and this Meetg finding no Encouragment to Wait any Longer, but apprehend-ing the time is now Come to Disown Unity With him as a member. Whereupon he is With the approbation of the Women Disowned accordingly & Wm Buffum & David Mowry are appointed to Inform therof. & of his Right of appeal and Report a testimony to Our Next Meetg —

The Committee to Prepare a Certificate for Abraham Brown Inform that there is nothing Done in that Way. therefore they are Continued for that Purpose and make Report to Next Monthly Meetg. —

George Buffum having Removed from this to live Within Greenwich monthly Meeting, Whereupon Jona. Mowry & David Mowry are appointed to make the Necessary Enquiry therein & Report a Certificate to Next Monthly Meetg. If Nothing appears to hinder. —

At a monthly Meeting of Friends held Smithfield the 29 of the 9th Mo. 1776 — accounts from the Preparative Meetgs being presented Whereby it appears that the following Following Friends Were appointed Representatives to attend this Meetg. Viz: from Smithfield Enos Mowry David Mowry & Joseph Bartlet: from Glocester Enoch Steere and Jeremiah Ballard. Who being Called are all Present Except David Mowry & Joseph Bartlet. and David this Meetg is Informed is absent by Reason of Sickness —

The Queries and Answers from the preparative Meetgs have been Read in this, and from them General Answers made out, and sent forward With Our account to the Quarterly Meetg and sent forward by our Representatives Who are George Smith & Jesse Bartlet, and they Desired to attend thereto and Report to Our Next Meetg. And as the Ensuing Quarterly Meetg is to be held at this house. William Buffum and Zacheus Southwick are appointed to Provide horse Keeping For said Meeting & Report the Expence thereof to Our Next Meetg. —

This Meetg being Informed that the Women are about to Disown Unity With Margaret Mann If this Meetg approves thereof, ~~And~~ And no Objection appearing She is Disowned accordingly

The Comtee in the Case of Dilwin Smith Inform that by reason of Sickness & Other Obstructions, they have not fulfilled their appointment therein therefore they are Continued to to furnish the same and Report to Our Next Meetg—

The Comtee Presented a Certificate Recommending Abraham Brown to the Care of Friends of Danby Monthly Meetg (State of Vermont) Which appears Satisfactory to this and the Womens Meetg therefore the same is signed by Each Clerk, ordered Recorded, and sent forward.

The Committee appointed to Prepare a Certificate for George Buffum, appear to be all absent and no Certificate sent forward, the Comtee are therefore Continued to fulfill their appointment and Report to Next monthly Meetg.

Part of the Comtee on the Subject of a School Presented a report, Which is Lodged for the Consideration of Next Monthly Meetg.—

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Raised and sent to the Treasurer 8/3

At a monthly Meetg held at Smithfield the 27th 10th Mo 1796; The accounts from the Preparative Meetings being Produced the Representatives therein Named are from Smithfield Benjamin Steare & Elisha Thornton from Glouster Jesse Battey & Chad Smith, Who being Called are all Present.

The Representatives to last Quarter Report they all attended agreeable to appointment, and brought forward Transcripts of Epistles from London Philadelphia and New York which have been Read to Satisfaction.

The Comtee Inform that the Necessary Provision Was made for the Last Quarterly Meetg, but the Expence thereof at this time they are not able to ascertain, therefore they are Directed to present the same to our Next Meetg:

The Comtee in the Case of Dilwin Smith Report that the matter Remains as at last month Wherefore the Comtee is Continued and Desired to attend to the Case & Report to Next monthly Meetg.

One of the Comtee Informs they have Done Nothing in the Case of George Buffum since last month, Whereupon they are Continued to fulfil their appointment and Report to our Next monthly Meetg

James Smith & Wm Buffum are appointed to assist the Women in Preparing a Certificate of removal, for Mary Rattey and her Son to Uxbridge Monthly Meetg

The Comtees Report in the Case of a monthly Meetgs School being Considered agreeably to the Direction of Last Monthly Meetg and is again Refered to our Next Meetg

And Whereas the former School Comtees appointment appears to be Expired: Consequently a Report of their Doings will be Expected to our Next Meetg

This Meetg Receivd a few Lines from Annanias Mowry Condemning some past Conduct of his, With Desires for Friends Tender advice & Counsel therein - therefore George Arnold Zaccheus Southwick & George Smith Jnr. are appointed to take a Solid Opportunity with him thereon, and Report What appears best to be Done in that Case to our Next Meetg

Glocester Preparative Meetg Inform they Raised & Sent to the Treasurer £2-8-6

The Clerk having Served Some time Since the Expiration of the year for which he was appointed, therefore William Buffum and Benedict Remington are appointed to Consider of Some friend Suitable for that Service the Ensuing year, and treat with him thereon; and Report to Our Next Meetg.

At a monthly Meeting of friends held at Smithfield 24 - 4 Mo 1796 the Representatives Named at the Preparative Meetgs are from Smithfield Abner Bartlet & Jonathan Sayles from Glouceste Benja Batter & Rufus Smith Who being Called are all present

The Comtee in the Case of Dilwin Smith Inform that he hath been Informed of his Denial and Right of appeal, and Presented a testimony which with Some alteration is approved by this and the womens Monly Meetg and Signed by the Clerk and ordered Recorded

The Comtee to Provide Horse Keeping for the last Quarterly Meetg Report the Expence thereof to be £3-16- and sd Comtee furnished with an Order on the Quarterly Meetgs Treasurer whereby they may Receive the Same in their account Mentioned

The Comtee Presented a Draught of a Certificate in favour of George Buffum Recomending him to the Care at Greenwich Monly Meetg which is approved, Signed, Ordered Recorded and sent forward

Part of the Comtee in the Case of Thomas Mowry Report that they have had a pretty favourable Opportunity with him, but as the Comtee is rather Small George Smith is appointed in addition thereto and they all Desired to Unite their Endeavours for a Reconciliation of the Matter Expressed in his paper of acknowledgment or otherwise [illegible] left to veiw and Report to Our Next Meetg

The Report of the Comtee on a monthly Meetgs School is again Refered for the Consideration of Next Monthly Meeting.

The former School Committee make Report that they have Endeavoured to attend to the Subject Wherein it appeared they might be Useful: Which Information appears Sattisfactory to Friends; Whereupon William Buffum Elisha Thornton Walter Allen Rufus Smith George Arnold Jerimiah Ballard Enoch Steere & Samuel Smith are appointed for that Service the Insuing year

The Comtee unto Whome the Care of a Clerk was Committed Report that they have Concluded in the Reappointment of the former Clerk and he Concenting thereto is accordingly Reappointed for One year more

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Raised and Deld the Treasurer £3-17-5 and Seven Shillings was Raised by Glocester Preparative Meetg and Sent to the Treasurer

At a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield 29th 12th mo 1776 the Representatives Named in the account from the Preparative Meetgs are from Smithfield Jonathan Mowry and Jabez Wing from Glocester Arca Smith and Jerimiah Thornton all present

The Queries and Answers from the Preparative Meetgs were read in this and General Composed therefrom to be Sent up to the Quarterly Meetg with Our account and Jonathan Mowry Benjamin Peace & Chad Smith are appointed and Named therein as Representatives and they to Report to Our Next Meetg

Those of the Comtee in the Case of Ananias Mowry Inform that an Opportunity hath been had With him Since last month yet Expressed a Chan in having the Case Refer'd one month more, Which is Refered accordingly they then to Report—

The Report of the Comtee in the Case of a Monthly Meetgs School is again Refered one month

A Proposition from Gloucester Preparative meetg. Sent up for Consideration Viz Whether it may not be Useful by the Request & for the accommodation of our antieent Friend Thomas Owen to hold the Week Day Meetg on the first 4th Day in Each month at his house- Which Proposition meets the approbation of this Meetg, and the Sd. Meetg is Concluded to be so held untill otherwise altered by this Meetg—

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Raised and Sent forward to the Treasurer £1-12-10

1 mo
1797

At a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield 26 1st Mo 1797 &c the Representatives Named at the Preparative Meetgs are from Smithfield Zaccheus Southwick and Samuel Smith from Gloucester James Smith & Enoch Steere Who being Called are all Present—

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Informing that Henry Thompson appeared in that Meetg and Requested the Care of Friends, and he also appearing in this and Continuing his Request— Whereupon Jerimiah Ballard Jonathan Mowry James Smith and George Arnold are appointed to take a Solid opportunity with him on the Subject of his Sd Request and Endeavour to feel after the motives thereof and Suitableness of Granting the Same. and make Return to our next Meetg—

The Representatives to Last Quarterly Meetg Inform that they all attended agreable to appointment

The Report of the Comtee on the Subject of a Monthly Meetgs School; being read up and weightily Considered and the Difficult Sictuation of Schooling Our Children to Sattisfaction a little held up to view, Whereupon the Comtee are Desired to take back the Report and Reconsider the Subject, and Endeavour to Propose some way and Method whereby Friends Children may be Schoold more Consistant with Our Profession and agreably to the advices and Recommendations from time to time handed Down by Superior Meetgs and Make Report to this Meetg in the 6th Mo Next or Sooner If Ready

Our Friend Elisha Thornton Informed our Last as well as this Monthly Meetg, that he has a prospect of Visiting Salem Monthly Meetg Which upon Consideration appears to meet the approbation of Friends, Wherefore this Meetg Leaves him at Liberty to Proceed as truth may open his way he being a member and minister in good Esteem among us and the Clerk is Directed to give him a Coppy of this Minute

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Raised and Deld the Treasurer 8/3 —

[illegible] 1797 At a monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 23d 2d Mo 1797
The accounts from the Preparative Meetgs being presented the Representatives therein Named are from Smithfield Jonathan Sayles & Enos Mowry from Glocester Chad Smith & Jeremiah Ballord who being Called are all Present.

Part of the Comtee to visit Olney Thompson on his Requesting Friends Care Inform they have had an Opportunity With him, & Desire the matter may be Refered untill another Monthly Meetg, Which is Refered accordingly, Under the Comtees Care they then to Report.

The Comtee in the Case of Ananias Mowry Report an acknowledgment the same in substance he first presented and that it appeard to them that it might be safe for the Meetg to accept the same and Receive him again among Friends, And this Meetg takeing the matter into solid Consideration; think best to Refer it one month more for further Consideration and under the Comtees Care.

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Informed that Seth Smith Desired a Certificate to Uxbridge Monthly Meetg setting forth his Clearness of Marraige Engagments With Us thereupon Uriah Jelson & George Arnold are appointed to Enquire into his Clearness and if Nothing appeared to hinder Report a Certificate to Next Monthly Meetg

This Meetg Received a minute from the Meetg for Sufferings informing that [illegible] is ready for the [illegible] Whereupon Wm Buffum James Smith and Seth Kelly Junr are appointed to take the Necessary care therein and Report to Next Meetg.

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Raised and Deld the Treasurer £1-18

30-3-1797

At a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield the 30 day 3rd Mo 1797. the Representatives Named at the Preparative Meetgs are from Smithfield Abner Bartlet and George Smith Jr from Glouceter Jesse Batley and Zadoc Smith. Who being Called are all present

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Inform that Caleb Cain Came into that Meetg and Requested the Care of Friends and he appearing in this Meetg & Continuing his Request Our Friends Rufus Smith Benjamin Pearce & Zacheus Southwick are appointed to take a Solid Opportunity With him on the motives of his Request & Suitableness of Granting the Same and Report to Our Next Meetg —

Said Preparative Meetg also Inform that Samuel Arnold Came in to that Meetg and Requested the Care of Friends & he appearing in this Meetg & Continuing his Request Whereupon George Smith Walter Allen & Jonathan Mowry are appointed to take a Solid Opportunity With and Endeavour to find out the motives of his Request and Suitableness of Granting the Same, and Report to Next Monthly Meetg

The Comtee Continued for further Opportunity With Olny Thompson on his Requesting friends Care Inform that another Opportunity With him has been had to a Considerable Degree of Sattisfaction, and find no Objection to his being admitted a member of Society, With Which this Meetg together With the Womens Monthly Meetg upon Serious Consideration appears to Unite and he is therefore admitted accordingly

The Comtee in the Case Ananias Mowry Report the followin paper of acknowledgment from him Viz

To the Monthly Meetg of Friends to be held at Smithfield the 27th of the 10th Mo 76

Dear friends these are to inform you that I was in Providence last Winter on business, & it being Very Cold and Having gone too long Without Sustenance, drank as I then thought a Quantity of Spiritous liquor Which would have been Safe for me, but to my great Grief it proved Otherwise as it Produced Intoxication. all Which I hereby Condemn and Especially my going al Day in the Cold as I did Without Victuals, to Sell the Load of Fruit I Carried to Market

till I had become so Exhausted — as well as then drinking What I Did. the which I might have apprehend would have had an Uncommon Effect — And having had to See I was too Unguarded. and likewise to feel much Trouble of mind for the Same. thought it Expedient thus to State my Case to you my brethren. Wh the desire is that you would pass by my misconduct in that Respect. as I hope to be more on my gaurd in future
from your well wishing friend Ananias Mowry

Which upon Consideration appears Measurably Sattisfactory to this Meetg. therefore his misconduct therein Expressed is passed by.

The Committee to Enquire into Seth Smiths Clearness With Respect to Marriage, Report a Certificate Signifying his Clearness therein to Uxbridge Monthly Meetg Which is approved and Signed by the Clerk &c a Coppy Ordered Preserved for Recording —

The Queries were Read in this Meetg with answers thereto Sent up from the Preparative Meetgs & from them General answers Composed to be sent up to the Quarterly Meetg by Elisha Thornton Rufus Smith and Benedict Remington. Who are appointed & Named therein as Representatives; and they to Report to Our Next Meetg

This Meetgs Audit Informs that Since last monthly Meetg they have Settled the Treasurers accounts with the Monthly Meetg; and find a ballance of about four Pounds Due to the Treasurer Which Sum the Several Preparative Meetgs are Desired to Collect & Send in to the Treasurer and an account thereof to this Meetg

Smithfield Prepa Meetg Raised and Deld the Treasurer £1-1-7 Glocester Meetg also Raised and Sent to the Treasurer 16s.

This Meetg Recd Six pounds of Wm Buffum being One Years Interest on a note this Meetg holds against him, Which Sum is Deld the Treasurer and Indorsed on sd Note.

The Comtee are Still Continued to Receive Subscriptions for Job Scotts Journals untill Next Monthly Meetg they then to Report

Our Beloved friend Remington Hobby attended this Meetg. and Produced a Coppy of a minute from a monthly Meetg held at Vassalborough 15th of the 2d Mo last Which is With his Company and labours of Love among Us acceptable, and a Coppy of this minute is Entered on the one he Presented

27 4 mo
1797

At a monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 27 Day 4th Mo 1797. the friends Named at the preparative Meetgs for Representatives are from Smithfield David Mowry & George Arnold from Glocester James Smith & Jeremiah Bolland Who being Called are all Present except David Mowry

The Comtee in the Case of Caleb Stain Inform that they have had an Opportunity With him on the motives of his Request. And feel United in Granting the Same. Whereupon this Meetg after having the approbation of the Women appear Satisfied therewith therefore he is now accepted a member of Society

The Comtee in the Case of Samuel Arnold Report that an Opportunity has been taken With him to a Degree of Satisfaction Nevertheless upon Consideration it appears to be rather the Sense of this Meetg that the Case be Refered one month which is Refered accordingly the Comtee then to Report.

The Representatives to last Quarterly Meetg Report that they all attended agreeable to appointment and brought forward a Copy of a minute from sd Meetg Informing that this Meetgs Proportion of the Five thousand Dollars agreed to be Raised by the Quarterly Meetg toward Defraying the Expence of Westland Meetg house is £17-16-5 which Cause appears to be pressing and the money now wanted: therefore Our Preparative Meetgs are Directed to Raise this Meetgs proportion thereof and send forward to the Quarterly Meetgs Treasurer with an account to this Meetg

The Comtee Continued to Receive Subscriptions for Job Scotts Journal Inform that a Considerable Number are Subscribed for, and it appearing Probable that many more will be wanted therefore sd Comtee are Continued to Receive Subscriptions Untill Next Monthly Meetg then to Report.

Smithfield Preparative Meetg raised & Deld the Treasurer £2-9-3

Glocester Meetg Raised and sent to the Treasurer 14/0

5 Mo
1797

Smithfield Monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield 25th 5th Mo 1797. The Friends Named at the Preparative Meetgs for Representatives are from Smithfield Seth Kelly Junr & Jonathan Keyes from Glocester Zadoc Smith & Jesse Battey all present

The Comtee in the Case of Samuel Arnold Inform that some Care has been therein but as the Case is Circumstanced it appears best it be Refered one month more, and the Comtee in that time desired to have another opportunity with him and Report to next Monthly Meetg. Rufus Smith is appointed in addition thereto

The time for Which the Overseers were appointed being Expired. therefore this Meeting appoints Jonathan Mowry George Arnold Zaccheus Southwick Jesse Battey & Jeremiah Ballard With such Others as may be appointed at Our Next Monthly Meeting Overseers of Society for the Ensuing year Who are Desired Carefully to attend to the trust reposed in them.

The Overseers of the poor having served this Meeting Longer than the time for which they were appointed. Whereupon Benjamin Pearce & Walter Allen Enos Mowry & James Smith are appointed for that Service the Ensuing year

Zadok Smith Benedict Arnold Seth Kelley and Walter Allen are appointed for this Meeting Audit the Succeeding year.

The Women informed they have Come to a Conclusion to accept the request of Mary Walker wife of Ismael of this Meeting has [illegible] with and no objection appearing she is now received a member of Society.

The Committee Report in the Case of a monthly Meetings School is referred to the Next Monthly and the Committee then to Report.

The Committee informed that the Necessary Care has been taken in the Case of George Mead's Clearness of marriage Engagements amongst us, and accordingly produced a Certificate Certifying the Same to Uxbridge Monthly Meeting which is approved and signed by the Clerk Gloucester Preparative Meeting Raised and sent to the Treasurer 12/9

this Meeting is informed that Jesse Comstock has a prospect of removing to Uxbridge to live with his [illegible] and Desires friends advice therein therefore Wm Buffum & George Arnold are appointed to Consider of his proposition and advise him as may appear best and bring a Certificate to Next Monthly Meeting if Nothing appears to hinder

6 mo
1797

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smith-
field 29th 6th Mo 1797 the accounts from the prepa-
rative Meetings being brought up, the Representatives
therein Named are from Smithfield John Man and
George Smith Jr from Gloucester Benjamin Bath
and Rufus Smith all present

The Comttee in the Case of Samuel Arnold
inform that three of them have had an opportunity
with him on the subject of his Request, which oppor-
tunity afforded Satisfaction to the Comttee who felt
Unity in Granting his Request. Which account
appears to meet the approbation of this & the Womens
Monthly Meeting. Whereupon Samuel is Now Received
a member of Society

The Comttee Presented a Certificate Recommend-
ing [illegible] aged friend [illegible] to the Care of
Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, which upon Consideration is
approved, Signed by the Clerk and Lodged for Recording.

The Womens Meeting informed they have Come to a
Conclusion to Receive Hannah Arnold a member of
Society of this Meeting & approves thereof, which upon Solid
Consideration it appears Satisfactory to this Meeting
therefore she is Now Recd accordingly.

The Subject of a Monthly Meeting School
Agreeable to this Meetings Reference in the first month
last being Read up and a little treated on with a
small Degree of Encouragement afforded that
another Opportunity of the Comttee on the Subject
might be Useful therefore they are Continued to
further attention to the Matter and Report to a
Next Meeting

This Meeting is informed that Paul Smith
proposed [illegible] his Intentions of marriage [illegible]
Jelson before this Meeting, and Consent of parents being
Produced they appeared and declared their intentions accordingly
and were Directed to Next Monthly Meeting for an answer
and [illegible] Greene & Benja. Pearce are appointed to make
the Necessary Enquiry as to his Clearness and Report
to our Next Meeting

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Informing that the Said Meetg Proposed the appointment of Jonathan Mowry to the place of an Elder and as it appears Necessary that Clearness be Witnessed and unity preserved in Such Cases, Do appoint George Arnold Seth Kelly Wm Buffum Walter Allen and Jemima Ballard to make a visit to the family and Endeavour to feel after the Propriety and Suitableness of Such an appointments taking place & Report to Our Next Meetg.

Sd Preparative Meetg also Inform that they Raised and Delivered the Treasurer £11 14-6 and Glocester Meetg Raised & Deld the Treasurer 4-10-6 which Sums are towards this Meetgs Proportion of the five hundred Dollars agreed to be Raised by the Quarterly Meetg for building Wickford Meetg house. and the Treasurer is Directed to send this Meetgs Proportion thereof, Which is 17-16-5 to the Quarterly Meetgs Treasurer ——

7mo 1797 At a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield 27d 7th Mo 1797 ——

The Representatives appointed by the preparative Meetgs are from Smithfield Wm Buffum & George Arnold, from Glocester Enoch Steere & Jemimah Ballard, Who being Called are all present ——

The Queries have been Read in this Meetg and answers thereto, from the preparative Meetgs and from them General Answers Composed, Which were also Read and approved and Sent up With Our account to the Quarterly Meetg by Elisha Thornton Zacheus Southwick and Jessa Battey our Representatives thereto Who are Desired to attend, and Report to Our Next Meetg.

The Week Day Meetg which hath been held at Thomas Owens, is proposed by the Meetg to which it Belongs to be Removed back to the Meetg house. Which Proposition is acceded to and the Meetg is Removed accordingly

The Comtee appointed to Visit Jonathan Mowry and family, make the following Report Viz

To the monthly Meetg to be held the 27 - 7th Mo 1797
We your Comtee agreable to appointment have Visited Jonathan Mowry and had an Opportunity with him and his family to a good degree of Sattisfaction, and are of Opinion it may be safe for the monthly Meetg to appoint him to the place of an Elder
Seth Kelly Wm Buffum Walter Allen George Arnold
Elizabeth Sprague & Elizabeth Arnold
Which Report is accepted and Jonathan now appointed to that Station

The Comtee to Enquire into Paul Smiths Clearnes Report that nothing appears to hinder his Proceeding in Marraige as Proposed at last Month, therefore they appeared and Informed they Continued their Intentions accordingly and Wm Buffum and Walter Allen are appointed to see the same Consumated agreable to our Discipline and Report to Our Next Meetg

The Subject of the Monthly Meetgs School is again Referd three months for Consideration

Walter Allen Clerk

8mo
1797

At A Monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield ye 31st day 8th Mo 1797 —

The Preparative Meetgs accounts being being Presented the Representatives therein Names are from Smithfield George Smith Jnr & Benjamin Peane from Glocester Zadoc Smith and Stephen Brittey all Present. —

The Representatives to Last Quarterly Meetg Report they all attended according to appointment.

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Informing that that Stephen Aldrich Informed that Meetg that he had for Some time had it on his mind to Request the Care of Friends, and he also Informing this Meetg that he Continues his Request, Whereupon George Smith Wm Buffum Jonathan Mowry John Mann and James Smith are appointed to take an Opportunity With him on that account and feel after the Propriety of granting his Request and Report to our Next Meetg

This Meetg Recd (through the Channel of the Quarterly Meetg) the Epistle from the Yearly Meetg of the 6th Mo Last, Together With Several Extracts from the minutes of sd Meetg Which have all been Read to Satisfaction, and the Various & Important advices & Conclusions therein Contained, friends are Desired to pay attention to, also Recd an Extract of a minute from Our Quarterly Meetg Informing that this Meetgs proportion of the Yearly Meetgs Stock is £5 12 9 Which Sum this Meetg now Recomends to the Preparative Meetgs to raise and send up to Our Next Mothly Meetg —

And this Meetgs Treasurer Informing that he hath advanced some money to Discharge this Meetgs debts Wherefore we also Recomend to the sd preparative Meetgs to Raise six pounds more for this Meetg Use and send up to our Next Meetg.

The Comtee to attend the Marraige of Paul Smith and Prudence Jelson make the following Report.-

To the monthly Meetg to be held 28 9th Mo 1797. We the Comtee appointed to attend the Marraige of Paul Smith and Prudence Jelson Inform that we attended the same, and afterwards at the house where the marraied Couple Retired and at both places according to our Observation it was Conducted Orderly, and their Certificate Deld the Register for Recording Wm Buffum Walter Allen
Alles Sprague, Mehetable Allen

The Visitors belonging to this Meetg Report in Writing which is Lodged on file for Consideration

Glocester Preparative Meetg Inform that Rufus Smith Junr hath Disregarded the advice of his parents & friends and Neglected the attendance of Meetgs for Discipline and is in the practice of associating with Rude and unprofitable Company and Joined in Dancing, Whereupon this Meetg appoints Caleb Bain Benjamin Pearce Walter Allen and Enos Mowry to Labour with him as truth may Open the Way in Order to Reclaim him from those hurtfull Practices Complained of. and Report to our Next Meetg

Smithfield Prepative Meetg Raised and Deld the Treasurer two pounds

At amonthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield 28th 9th Mo 1777 —

the accounts from the Preparative Meetgs being Presented the Representatives Named therein are from Smithfield George Smith Junr and Enos Mowry. from Glocester Chad Smith and Benjamin Battey all present —

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Informing that Daniel Smith Came into that Meetg and Requested the Care of Friends, and he appearing in this Meetg and Continuing his Request. Whereupon Rufus Smith George Arnold Zacheus Southwick and Benjamin Battey are appointed to take a Solid opportunity With him on the Subject of his Request and Endeavour to feel after the Sincerity of his mind and Suitableness of Granting his Request and Report to our Next Meetg. —

The Queries have been Read in this Meeting and answers thereto Sent Up from the Preparative Meetgs from Which General answers were Composed, and agreed to by this Meetg. Which we Sent forward With our account to the Ensuing Quarterly Meetg, by Zadoc Smith Benjamin Peare & Jerimiah Ballard. Who are to Report to Our Next Meetg.

Four of the Comtee in the Case of Stephen Aldrich Inform that they have had an Opportunity With him On his Requesting the Care of Friends to pretty good Sattisfaction, yet propose to have the Case Refered one month. Which Refered Accordingly Under the Comtees Care they then to Report

This Meeting being Informed by the Preparative meeting that John Read Jnr. Proposed to lay his Intentions of marraige with Phebe Arnold before this Meetg And Concent of parents being Produced they appeared and laid their Intentions accordingly & Wm Buffum and Zaccheus Southwick are appointed to Enquire into his Clearness in that Respect & Report to Our Next Meeting.

The Comtee to labour with Rufus Smith Jnr. Inform that they have had an Opportunity with him And altho he gave but little Encouragement of amendment yet it seems rather like being the sence of this Meetg to Refer the Case three Months Under the Comtees Care, Which is Refer'd accordingly they then to Report.

Smithfield Preparative Meetg sent up a Complaint against Moses Sprague Viz) that he hath Neglected the attendance of our Religious Meetgs and Departed from plainness of Speech & apparel and is in the practice of attending places of merriment and there plays with Cards. Whereupon this Meetg appoints Joseph Bartlet Jesse Battey and Benedick Remington to take an Opportunity with him and Endeavour to set Before him the Evil of such Conduct and dissuade him from the practice thereof

Jabez Wing & Benja Pearce are appointed to make the Necessary Provision for keeping horses During the time of the Ensuing Quarterly Meetg to be held at this house and Report the Expence thereof to Our Next Meetg

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At a monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 26 of 10th Mo 1797, the Friends named by the preparative meetgs for Representatives are from Smithfield John Man and George Smith from Glocester James Smith and Stephen Battey Who being Called are all present

The Comtee in the Case of Daniel Smith Inform, that they have had an opportunity With him to pretty good Satisfaction, yet manifested a Choice in having the Case Continued another month, Which propisiton this Meetg unites with therefore it is Continued accordingly under the Comtees Care they then to Report.

The Representatives to last Quarter Report they all attended agreable to appointment.

The Comtee in the Case of Stephen Aldrich, Report that Four of them have had another Opportunity with him & Express'd a willingness on their part to have his Request Granted, and this and the womens Monthly Meetg Quietly acquiesing therewith, he is now Receive a member of Society.

The Comtee appointed to Visit Hosea Sprague Inform that two of them have Visited him & tho there is but little appearence of amendment yet as the Comtee were not all present it is Refer'd Untill our Next Monly Meetg under the Comtees Care they then to Report

The Women Sent in a Certificate Recomending Lucy Howe to the Care of friends of the Creek Monthly Meeting in Nine partners, Which is by this Meetg Approved & Signed by the Clerk.

The Comtee Inform that they have made the Necessary Enquiry into John Reads Clearness of marriage Engagments and no objection appearing, they appeared and Informed that they Continued their Intentions, and Recd. an answer accordingly & Jona. Mowry & Walter Allen are appointed to attend their marriage agreable to Discipline & Report to our Next Meetg

This Meetg Recd by way of Smithfield preparative meetg. a paper of acknowledgment from Thomas Buffum, Which after being pretty Solidly Weighed and Considered by this Meetg. and Several Fervent & Judicious Remarks theron made, it appears to be the Sense of friends that it Lie one month for further Consideration.

Zacheus Southwick Enoch Steere Benjamin Pearce and Asa Smith are appointed to assist the Women in the Case of Mary Staples's Proposed Removal to the Monthly Meetg of Danby (State of Vermont) and Report When accomplished.

The Comtee presented an account of the Expences of Last Quarterly Meetg amounting to 2£ 19s Which is approved and the Comtee furnished With an Order on the back of sd account Requesting the Quarterly Meetgs Treasurer to pay the Sum therein mentioned

Smithfield Meetg Raised & Deld the Treasurer One pound twelve Shillings

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at Smithfield ye 30th of the 11th mo. 1797

The Representatives Named at the preparative Meetgs are from Smithfield George Arnold & Edward Smith from Gloucester Jessa Battey and Chad Smith all present.

The Comtee Continued for another Opportunity with Daniel Smith Inform they have had one since last month, & are of the opinion that it may be safe to Grant his Request. and this Meetg appearing Sattisfied therewith and the womens approbation being had, he is now accepted a member of Society.

The Comtee Inform that they have had another Short Opportunity with Hosea Sprague, and tho the Opportunity afforded but Little Encouragment for further labour. yet a willingneſs appeared in the Comtee to meet with him once more. therefore his case is Refered another month. the Comtee then to Report.

The Comtee to attend the marraige of John Read jnr & Phebe Arnold Report as followeth agreable to appointment we attended the Marraige of John Read jnr & Phebe Arnold, and alſo at the house where the married Couple Retired at both mentioned places according to Our obſervation it was Conducted in an orderly manner and their Certificate Deld for Recording 11mo 2d 1797 Jonathan Mowry Walter Allen
Mary Smith Mehetable Allen

The Circumſtance of Thomas Buffums acknowledgment Coming again under Solid Consideration. it is Concluded to accept his paper and Continue him under friends Care

To Smithfield Monthly Meetg Beloved Friends these are to acquaint you, that I have in Several Inſtances Deviated from the Religious order and profeſsion of my Education. by Sometimes falling into, and Staying too long in Rude and Unprofitable

Company. and not Conducting my Self With that Circumſpection that I think I ought to have Done, which I hope I have seen the Evil of and deſire to be more on my gaurd for the future

9 month 15th 1797 Thomas Buffum

Smithfield Raised and Sent to the Treasurer
Glouceſter Likewise Sent - - - £ 5 - 11
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At a monthly Meetg of friends held at Smithfield 28 - 12mo 1797. the friend Named at the preparative Meetgs for Repreſentatives as appears by their accounts are from Smithfield Zacheus Southwick & Joſeph Bartlet from Glouceſter Jeremiah Ballard & Enoch Steere Who being Called are all preſent.

The Queries were Read in this meeting with anſwers therto Sent up from the Preparative Meetgs. & from them General anſwers Compoſed, Which were alſo Read and With a little alteration approved. and Sent up With Our account to the Quarterly Meetg by John Man Chad Smith & Walter Allen our Repreſentatives therto Who are Deſired to attend to their appointment and Report to Our Next Meetg

The Comtee in the Case of Hosea Sprague Report. that they have taken Conſiderable pains to have another Opportunity With him. but he manifesting by his Conduct a Diſpoſition to shun friends Company. & none to make Satisfaction. and Nothing appearing in favour of Continuing the Case any Longer, therfore this Meetg With the approbation of the Women Disowns unity With him as a member And Rufus Smith & Walter Allen are appointed to Inform therof & of his right of appeal and Prepare a Teſtimony of his Denial and bring to ~~Our~~ Next Meetg

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Inform that George Buffum has Neglected the advice of his parents and friends & also the attendance of Our Religious Meetgs for worship & Discipline, and hath Departed from plainness. and also attended places of meriment Wherefore this Meetg appoints David Mowry John man & Jessa Battey to treat with him as ability may be afforded in Consequence of those Departures and Report to Our Next Meetg.

Sd Meetg also Inform that Robert Mowry is in the practice of keeping Company in Order for marraige with one not of Our Society, Whereupon Wm Buffum Jeremiah Bollard and Benja Pearce are appointed to take a Solid Opportunity with him on that account, and Impart such Councel & advice as the Circumstance may appear to need & Repor to Our Next Meetg

Sd Preparative Meetg Likewise Inform that Samuel Tripp proposed to lay his Intention of Marraige with Elles Sprague befor this Meetg and he being furnished with a Certificate from the monly Meetg of East Greenwich Certifying his Right in Society & Clearness in that Respect. they accordingly appeared and Declared their Intentions and were Directed to Next Monly Meetg for an answer.

The Comtee Inform that they have not had another Opportunity with Rufus Smith Jnr agreable to this Meetgs Directions 3 months past therefore Sd Case is Refered one more the Comtee then to Report

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Raised and Dd the Treasurer 4 Dollars

And the Treasurer Informing that there are Several Demands on the Treasurey and not money therein Sufficient to Discharge the Same. Wherfore this Meetg Calls on the Preparative Meetgs to Raise twelve pounds and Send to the Treasurer. with an account therof to this Meetg

In Consequence of Our Womens Monthly Meetg Receiving Information from the Womens Monly meetg of Providence that Anna Mosher is in Necessitous Circumstances & need the assistance of friends for a Suport and as this Meetg is apprehensive the Case Somewhat Respects both Monly Meetgs. And being Desirous that a Just & ammicable Decision may take place. Do appoint William Buffum Walter Allen and Chad Smith a Camtee to treat with Providence Monly Meetg Or their Camtee on the Subject, and Inspect the Circumstances Relative therto and Report When accomplished

At a monthly Meetg of friends held at Smithfield 25 of 1st Mo 1798. the Representatives Named in the accounts from the preparative Meetgs are from Smithfield George Smith Junr and Seth Kelly Junr from Glouester Jeremiah Ballard and Stephen Battey all present

The Representatives to Last Quarter Inform they attended according to appointment.

The Camtee in the Case of Hosea Sprague Inform that he has been Informed agreable to appointment. and presented an Easy of a testimony Which after being Several times Read is approved and Signed by the Clerk and Ordered Recorded

The Womens Monly Meetg presented a Certificate Recommending mary Staples to the Care of Darby Monthly Meetg State of Vermont Which being Sathisfactory to this Meetg is Signed by the Clerk ——

The Comtee appointed to Labour With George Buffum Report that they have taken an Opportunity With him, & to them he appeared in a Cool & Indeferent State of mind and gave little or no Encouragment of amendment Nevertheless this Meetg appears to manifest a Choice in having the Case Refered one month under the Comtees Care, they then to Report ——

The Comtee in the Case of Robert Mowry Report that two of them have had an Opportunity With him, and as they apprehend Discharged their Duty towards him yet the Comtee Not being all present the Case is Refered untill next Monly Meetg they then to Report. ——

Samuel Tripp & Ellis Sprague Who were Refered to this Meetg in order to Receive an answer Respecting Marrage, but they not appearing the Case is Refered till our Next Meetg.

The Comtee in the Case of Rufus Smith Jur Inform they have not attended to their appointment. Consequently the Case must be Refered untill Next Monly Meetg ——

This Meeting Recd a paper of acknowledgment from John Walker jur Condemning his past Conduct in Several Respects & Desiring friends to pass by the Same & again Receave him under their Care Whereupon George Arnold Jona Mowry & Zacheus Southwick are Appointed (as he is now in these parts) to take a Solid Opportunity With him, and also prepare a letter of Information to Saratoga Monly Meetg in Which he now Resides & Report to our Next Meetg

This Meetg also Recd a minute from the Meetg for Sufferings held the 14 & 15 of 11 mo last as followeth

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 14 & 15th of 11 mo 1797

The Comtee for that purpose Reported the doings of this meeting heretofore on the Militia Bill Since passed into a law by the Ligislature of this State together with an additional act Since Enacted by the same and after Reading the Remonstrance Which this Meetg Caused to be presented to sd Legislature While the bill was pending before them, and Considering it — do not See at present that the meeting Can usefully Renew their application to that Body on that Subject. the monthly Meetgs however are Requested to forward an account of their Sufferings under sd act, in Order that this Meetg may be Qualified to Represent the Consequences Resulting from the Existence and Opperation of it When Ever Way may Open to apply to sd Ligislature for Redress.

And the Clerk is directed to forward a Coppy of this Minute to Each Monthly Meetg

Extracted from the minutes of the aforesd Meetg

William Almy Clerk

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Informing that Our Beloved friend Elisha Thornton Informed that Meetg that he had for some time had it on his mind to pay a Religious Visit to friends of Sandwich Quarterly Meetg, and he Opening is prospect & Concern in this Meetg. and Friends feeling Unitted With him in his Present Concern & undertaking Do approve thereof, and George Arnold and Wm Buffum are appointed to prepare a Certificate Suitable for that purpose & Report to Our Next Meetg also to afford the Necessary assistance Toward Sd Visit

Sd Preparative Meetg also Inform they Raisd & Deld the Treasurer £4-8-4 ——

At a monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield ye 22d - 2d Mo 1798. the Representatives appointed by the preparative Meetgs are from Smithfield Uriah Jilson & Jonathan Sayles from Glouceſter Rufus Smith and James Smith, Who being Called are all present Except Rufus Smith Who this Meetg is Informed is absent by Reason of Indisposition

part of the Comtee in the Case of George Buffum Inform, that they have Endeavoured to have another Opportunity With him but have failed. therefore that Case is again Refered to Our Next Meetg under the Comtees Care they then to Report.—

The Case of Robert Mowry is again Refered till Our Next Meetg. also the Case of Rufus Smith Junr

Samuel Tripp & Ellis Sprague Who were Refered to Last monthly Meetg for an answer Respecting marraige but they not appearing then nor at this time, it appears to be the Sense of this and the Womens Meetg that the matter be Dismised, unless they Come forward at Some future Meetg & Renew there Intentions for marriage the Same is therefore dismised

Two of the Comtee Informed that they had an opportunity With John Walker Junr to pretty Good Sattisfaction. Also presented a Letter of ~~of~~ the Circumstance Directed to Saratoga Monthly Meetg Which being Read is approved. Signed; and the Clerk Directed to forward the Same.

The Comtee appointed to prepare a Certificate for Elisha Thornton, Reported one for that purpose, Which being agreable to this & the Womens Meetg it is therefore Signed in both Meetgs. and the Comtee Still Continued to afford the Necessary assistance therto.

Recd & accepted a Certificate from Salem Monthly Meetg Datted 11-1st Mo 1798 Recommending Reuben Collins to the Care of this Meetg-

The Comtee unto Whome the Case of Anna Mosher Was Committed, Report, that they have attended therto. and the matter appears Considering all Circumstances, Sattisfactoroly settled. Viz (that her Suport or maintenence, so far as friends may Consider they are held to Supply, be Eaqually paid by this and Providence Monthly Meetg agreably to their Committees agreement,) Which Report this Meetg accedes to. and the overseers are Directed to take Charge thereof.

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Inform that Nathan Shearman Desired a Certificate in order for marraige to the Monthly Meetg of Richmond Whereupon George Smith Junr & Uriah Gifford are appointed to take the Necessary Enquiry therein and Report a Certificate to our Next Meetg if Nothing appears to hinder.

Sd Meetg Recd and Dd the Treasurer £4-9-7

This Meetg Recd Six pounds of Wm Buffum being one years Interest on a note this Meetg holds against him, Which Sum is Dd the Treasurer & Indorsed on Sd Note

Walter Allen Clerk

At a Monthly Meeting
Of Friends held at Smithfield the 29 of 3d mo 1798

The Representative Named in the accounts from the preparative Meetgs are from Smithfield Benjamin Pearce & George Smith jur from Gloucester Jessa Battey & Enoch Steere Who being Called are all present

The Queries were read in this Meetg and Answers thereto. Sent up by the Preparative Meetgs and from them General answers Compiled. Which being measurably descriptive of our State are approved and sent up with our account to the Quarterly Meetg by Jabez King Zadoc Smith & John Man Who are appointed & Named therein for Representatives - and they desired to attend to their appointment and Report to our Next Meetg.

The Comittee in the Case of George Bussum Inform that they are Satisfied the time is Come for this meeting to make a minute against him - and this & the Womens Meetg being also Satisfied. We now Disown Unity with him as a member and Zadoc Smith & Walter Allen are appointed to Inform him thereof & Draw a Testification of his Denial & Report to Our Next Meetg.

The Womens Monthly Meetg propose to this Whether it may not be Safe for to grant the Request of Elizabeth Hall (an aged & Infirm Women and now appears Likely to be near a Close) and admit her a member of Society, Which this Meetg Solidly Weighing, and after Considering Every Circumstance Do approve thereof. Wherefore She is Received a member Of Society

The Comtee in the Case of Robert Mowry Inform, they have not had an Opportunity With him as was Expected last month, & nothing now appearing on their mind, Requiring any further opportunity With him, Nevertheless severl Friends Expressing a Choice in having it Continued one month more Which is accordingly Continued for that time. in order that those Friends may have an opportunity With him If they see Cause,

Two of the Comtee in the Case of Rufus Smith Jnr. Report, they have had an Opportunity With him Since last month, and he freely Confessing that his Conduct is Inconsistent With friends principles and moreover that he had no Expectation of being Continued a member in Unity With friends. Whereupon this Meetg (after having the approbation of the Women) Proceeds to Disown Unity With him as a member of our Society. & Jessa Batty & Enoch Steere are appointed to Inform according to Discipline. & Report a Testimony thereof to our Next Meetg

The Comtee Presented a Certificate in favour of Nathan Shearman, Directed to the monthly Meetg of Richmond Setting forth his Right of Membership and Clearness of Marraige Engagments, amongst us, Which is approved, Signed. and a Coppy Reserved for Recording.

Recd a Certificate from Salem Monly Meetg Dated 1st-3d mo-1798 Informing that Hadwin Arnold hath Returned to live within this Meetg, his apprinticeship having Expired. Which is accepted and ordered Recorded

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Inform that Daniel Kelly Desires a Certificate to Uxbrige Monly. Meetg in order for Marraige therefore Wm Buffum & Benedict Remington are appointed to take the Necessary Care in that Case & Report thereof to our Next Meetg

Gloucester Meetg Raised & Deld the Treasurer £1-1-6

Walter Allen Clerk

At A Monthly Meeting of
Friends held at Smithfield 26 4mo 1798

The accounts from the preparative Meetgs being Produced, the Representatives therein Named are from Smithfield Douglass Marsh and Jonathan Sayles, from Glocester Arca Smith & Benjamin Battey all present.

Smithfield Prepative Meetg Inform that Cirus Carpenter at that Meetg Requested the Care of friends, & he appearing at this Meetg and Continuing his Request, Seth Kelly Rufus Smith George Smith & Joseph Bartlett are appointed to take a solid Opportunity with him and Endeavour to feel after the Sincerity of his Request, & Propriety of granting the same, and Report to our Next Meetg.

The Representatives to last Quarter, Report they attended according to appointment.

The Comtee in the Case of George Buffum Inform they have not fulfiled their appointment by reason of his being absent some distance, Wherefore they are Continued & Desired to accomplish the same When Opportunity permits.

The Case of Robert Mowry Coming again under Consideration, & no friend Desiring any further Continuation of the Case, therfore this Meetg With the approbation of the women Disowns Unity With him as a member of Our Society, and George Arnold & Benjn Keane are appointed to Inform thereof and of his Right of appeal and Draw a Testimony of his Denial and bring to Our Next Meetg.

The Comtee Informed that they have informed Rufus Smith Junr of his Denial and presented a Testification thereof Which after being Several times Read and Some alteration made is approved, Signed, and Lodged on file.

The Comtee Presented a Certificate Directed to the Monthly Meetg of Uxbridge, Setting forth Daniel Kelleys Right of membership and Clearness of marriage Engagments amongst us, Which is approved Signed by the Clerk and a Coppy Preserved for Recording

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Inform that Daniel Smith Proposes to Lay his Intentions of Marriage with Sarah Bartlet before this meetg, and he having Produced Concent of Parents, they appeared and declare their Intention accordingly & were directed to next Monthly Meetg for an answer, and Annanias Mowry and Benjamin Pearce are appointed to Enquire into his Clearness therein and Report to Our Next Meetg.

Our Beloved Friends Anna Greene & Abigail Robinson attended this meeting (accompanied by Our friends Isaac Lawton & Arnold Weedon) and Presented a Coppy of a minute from the Mens and Womens Monthly Meetg of Rhodisland held the 27th of 3d Mo 1798 Expressive of Friends Unity with there making a Visit to the Meetgs within Rhodisland Quarter, Which is with their Company & labours of Love amongus acceptable and Edifying

The Clerk having Served the Year for Which he was appointed. therefore Jessa Baker & Wm Buffum are appointed to Consider of Some Friend Suitable for that service the Insuing year & Report thereof to Our next Meetg

At a monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 31st of 3th Mo 1798

The Representatives Named in the accounts from the Preparative Meetgs are from Smithfield Seth Kelly & Benidict Remington from Glouester Jessa Battey & Chad Smith all present.

A new appointment of Visitors at this time Coming under the Solid Consideration of this Meetg, and Rufus Smith & Elisha Thornton are appointed for that Important Service the year Insuing, Which may be of Real use to Society if rightly Engaged in - -

The Comtee to take an Opportunity with Cirus Carpenter, Inform they have met with him on that account, and are of the Opinion that it may be Safest to Refer the Case one month under the Comtees care; Which is Refered accordingly they then to Report.

The Comtee Continued to Inform George Buffum &c. Report that they have not been able to Inform thereof, but have presented a Testimony of his Denial, Which appears Satisfactory to Friends and is therefore approved and signed by the Clerk, Who is Directed to Read the Same at Some Suitable time at this place

The Women Inform that their Meeting has Concluded to Receive Mercy Aldrich (Wife of Uriah) Of Which this Meetg approves.

The Comtee to Enquire into Daniel Smiths Clearness Respecting marraige Report, that on Enquiry Nothing appears to hinder, therfore he With Sarah Bartlet appeared in this Meetg and Informed that they Continued their Intentions of marraige, and Recd an answer for the Same, & Jabez King & Ananias Mowry are appointed to attend their Marraige & Report to our Next Meetg

Recd a Certificate from Providence Monthly Meetg Dated the 30th Instant, Recomending Job Shearman to the Care of this Meetg Which is accepted & Ordered Recorded.—
And this Meetg being Informed that Job proposed to lay his Intentions of marraige with Abigail Shearman before this Meetg, and he producing Concent of parents they appeared and laid their Intentions accordingly and wer Directed to Next Meetg for an answer.

The Comtee in the Case of Robert Mowry Report a testimony of his Denial Which is approved & Signed by the Clerk & Lodged for Recording and also that he hath been Informed thereof.—
The Comtee have Proposed for Walter Allen to Serve this Meetg as Clerk one year more, and he is accordingly Reappointeded for that time.—

Smithfield Meetg Raised and Deld the Treasurer 14/

And Glocester Meetg Raised and Sent to the Treasurer 7/

Walter Allen Clerk

At a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield 28th 6th Mo 1798

The friends Named for Representatives at the Preparative Meetgs one from Smithfield Seth Kelly Jnr & George Smith Jnr. from Glocester James Smith & Enoch Steere all present

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Inform that Enoch Sprague appeared in that Meeting and Requested the Care of Friends and he at this time appearing & Continuing his Request Our Friend Jerimiah Ballord Jabez King Seth Kelly & Jonathan Sayles are appointed to treat with him on that account as way may open. and Report thereof to Next Montly Meetg —

Said Meetg likewise Inform that Caleb Wall appeared at that time & Requested the Care of Friends, & he now appearing and Continuing his Request. Whereupon Benjamin Pearce James Smith John Mann Zacheus Southwick are appointed to take an Opportunity with him and Endeavour to feel after the Propriety of Granting his Request. and Report to Our Next Meeting —

The Comtee in the Case of Cirus Carpenter Report that two of them have had another Opportunity with him (the Others being Necessarily absent) & altho they gave a favorable account of the Opportunity, yet this Meetg manifested a Choice in having the Comtee make him another Visit therefore the Case is Referd to our Next Meetg under the Comtees Care they then to Report

The Womens Monthly Meetg Informed that they have Concluded to grant the Request of Patience Arnold (Wife of Joseph) & Receive her a member of Society, and this Meetg approving thereof She is now Recd accordingly.

Job & Abigail Shearman, Who were Directed to this Meetg for an answer in order for marraige, appeared & Informed they Continued their Intentions for the Same, & Recd an answer accordingly, and Seth Kelly Junr & Uriah Jelson are appointed to See their marraige Consummated agreable to our Discipline, and Report thereof to Our Next Meetg

The Comtee Inform they attended the Marraige of Daniel Smith & Sarah Bartlet Which to them appeared to be Conducted in an Orderly manner, & their Certificate Deliverd the Register for Recording

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Raised and Sent to the Treasurer one Dollar

At a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield the 26th of the 7 month 1798 The Representatives Named in the accounts from the Preparative Meetgs, are, from Smithfield Joseph Bartlet & George Arnold from Glocester Jeremiah Ballard & Rufus Smith Who being Called are all present

The Comtee appointed on Enoch Spragues making application to become a member among friends Report, that they have had an opportunity with him. & are of the Opinion that it may be safe to grant his Request and Receive him a member under friends Care. and this Meetg Solidly Considering the same Do approve thereof, and the Womens approbation being had he is Recd a member of Society.

The Comtee in the Case of Calib Hall Inform, they have had an opportunity With him to Prety good Sattisfaction and Expressed a willingness on their part to have his Request granted, and this Meetg taking the matter into Solid Consideration and after having the approbation of the Women, Do unite therwith, therfore he is Recd amember of Society

The Comtee in the Case of Cyrus Carpenter Report, that they have not had an Opportunity With him as was Desird at last month, therfore the Case is Refered till our next monty Meetg, in Which time the Comtee is Desired to take another Solid Opportunity with him, & report therof to our Next Meetg

The Comtee Inform they attended the Marraige of Job & Abigail Shearman, Which to them appeard to be Conducted in an Orderly manner & their Certificate Deld for Recording

The Querres with answers therto Sent up from the preparative Meetgs being Read in this from which General answers were Composed and also read, & agreed to by this Meetg. & sent up with this Meetgs account to the next Quarter by Jessa Battey Zadoc Smith & Benjamin Peace And they to Report to our next Meeting

This Meetg gave a Certificate Directed to the Monly Meetg of Salem, Certifying Reuben Collins's orderly behavour while Resident in in this Meetg. and that his affairs are settled to Satisfaction, Which being Signed by the Clerk is Ordered Recorded and sent forwarded. ——

This Meetg heard the following Minute (Viz)
At a meetg for Sufferings held at New bedford the 22d of 3d mo 1798

This Meetg read proposals from Isaac Collins of New York, for printing the Journal of our Friend George Fox, Which being read is recommended to the several monly meetgs to take the Necessary that friends have an opportunity to Subscribe for the Journal, And Thomas Rotch is appointed to Receive the Subscriptions & Conduct with them agreably to the wishes of the printer as Expressed in his Conditions, and the Clerk is Directed to send a Coppy of this minute to Each Monly Meetg
Extracted from the minutes, Wm Almy Clerk.
And George Arnold is appointed to Procure the Conditions Relative thereto, and Report when accomplished. ——

Walter Allen, Clerk ——

At a monthly Meetg of Friends held
at Smithfield the 30th of the 8th Mo 1798
The accounts from the preparative Meetgs
being presented the Representatives therein named
are for Smithfield Zacheus Southwick and
Jabez King for Glocester Benjamin Battey
and Jeremiah Thornton, all present.

Our Esteemed Friend Silas Downing attended
this Meeting, and presented a Certificate from
a monthly Meetg held at Westbury on Long Island
the 18th 4th mo 1798, With a Concuring Indorsment
theron from a Quarterly Meetg held at Flushing
for Westbury the 26th of the same. Which having
been read in this Meetg are With his Company
and labours of love among us very acceptable
and Edifying.

Our Beloved Friend James Mott (Companion
for Silis) also attended this Meetg. With a
Coppy of a minute from a monthly Meetg
held at Mamaroneck for the Purchase the
14th of the 6th Mo 1798. Expressing Friends unity
With him as an Elder and With his accompa
=nying Silas in his Religeous Visit to Friends and
Others in these parts, Which being read is With
his Company among us very acceptable.

The Comtee in the Case of Cyrus Carpenter
Inform that three of them have had another
Opportunity with him, Wherein they endeavoured
tenderly to set before him the particular Weakness
Which hath apparently obstructed his being
United With Friends — And are of the Opinion that
it may be safe to Refer the Case one month
longer. Which is Refered untill that time ~~under~~
Under the Comtees Care, they then to
Report

The time for Which the Overseers were appointed is Expired. Whereupon this Meetg appoints George Arnold Zacheus Southwick Jonathan Mowry and Jeremiah Ballard Overseers of Society for the year Ensuing.

The Representatives to last Quarterly Meetg Inform they attended agreable to appointment, and presented Several Extracts from our last Yearly & Quarterly Meetgs which have been Read to Sattisffaction and Some parts thereof are Refered to the Consideration of our Next Monly Meetg- and the money therin Recomended to be Raised by this Meetg for the Yearly & Quarterly Meetgs Stock, (being 59 Dol & 58 Cents) Our Preparative Meetgs are Directed to Collect and Send up to this Meetg

And it appearing by the Treasurers Information that this Meetg is in want of money to Support the poor, therefore the preparative Meetgs are Desired to Raise 40 Dollars more for that purpose & send to the Treasurer, With an account thereof to this Meeting When accomplished.—

Wheras this Meetg Recd Coppies of minutes from the monthly Meetg of Providence in the Seventh & Eighth months last, by which it appears that the Decision of the Committee in the Case of Anna Mosher is not fully to that Meetgs Sattisfaction, therefore have Rejected the Same, and this Meetg feeling, as heretofore, Desirous that a just & Equitable Settlement may take place, now propose to Reappoint the former Comtee or make Choice of a new one at our Next monthly Meetg, for the further Consideration & accomodation of Sd Case And the Clerk is Directed to send a Coppy of this minute to Providence Monly Meetg

At a monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 27 of the 9 mo 1798 the Friends named in the accounts from the Preparative Meetgs for Representatives are, from Smithfield Benjamin Peace & Joseph Barth from Glowcester Chad Smith all present.

The Queries With answers from the preparative Meetgs, have been Read in this Same of Which With a little alteration are adopted for this Meetgs answer to the Quarter, and anexed to an account to that Meetg Which we send forward by Jeremiah Bollard George Smith & Zaccheus Southwick, Who are appointed and Named therein for Representatives, & they to Report to Our Next Meetg

This Meeting Recd the following minute from Sandwich Quarterly Meetg (Viz)
Our beloved Friend Elisha Thornton having attended our last Quarterly Meetg & also made a Religious visit to most of the Meetgs within this Quarter, his Company and Gospel labours were to our Edification & Comfort, and the Clerk is Directed to forward a Coppy of this minute to Smithfield Monthly Meetg — Extracted from the minutes of Sandwich Quarterly Meetg held at Nantucket the 26 & 27 of 6 mo 1798
By Thomas Hazard Junr Clerk

Also Recd the following minute from Providence Monthly Meetg Viz, this meetg Recd a Coppy of a minute from Smithfield Monthly Meetg Respecting the Case of Anna Mosher, manifesting a Disposition that a just and Amicable Settlement may take place

Propose to this meeting to appoint a Comtee to take again the Subject into Solid Consideration together with a Comtee from that Meetg. And this Meeting feeling a like Disposition with them, Do appoint Joseph Farnum Ozial Wilkinson Joseph Harri and Moses Brown acommittee on behalf of this Meetg to Confer with them on that Subject, & Report to next monly Meetg what in their Judgment may be proper & right for this Meetg to Do in that Case

Extracted from the minutes of a monthly Meetg held at Providence the 26 of the 9mo 1798
by John Holden Clerk

Whereupon George Arnold Wm Buffum James Smith and Walter Allen, are appointed to Confer with the Comtee from Providence on behalf of this Meetg and Report therof when accomplished ——

The Committee Continued for further Opportunity with Cyrus Carpenter Inform. they have not met with him Since our last meetg. therfore sd Comtee is Continued untill the 11 month Next in which time they are all Desired to take another Solid opportunity with him. and Report at that time what in their Judgment may be best for this Meetg to Do in that Case ——

It appears by Smithfield Preparative Meetgs account. that a proposition was made for an alteration in holding Mendon first Day Meetg. therfore Elisha Thornton Jonathan Mowry George Arnold & James Smith are appointed to visit that Meetg & Confer with friends belonging therto. & Report their Sense therof to Next Monly Meetg

William Buffum Enos Mowry and Zaccheus Southwick, are appointed to prepare horse keeping for the next Quarterly Meetg to be held at this house, and Report the Expence arising therfrom to Our Next Meetg.

Att a monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 25 of the 10th Mo 1798
The accounts being present from the preparative Meetgs, the Representatives therein Named are, from Smithfield Abner Bartlet & Seth Kelly junr, from Glocester James Smith & Enoch Steere all present

The Representatives to last Quarterly Meetg Report, that two of them attended, the other being absent by Reason of Sickness, of Which that Meetg was informed to Sattisfaction —

The Comtee to Visit Mendon Meeting Inform they have not attended to their appointment in that Case, Wherfore they are Continued and Desired to attend therto, & Report to our Next monthly Meetg —

The Comtee to Provide Horse keeping for our last Quarterly Meetg Report the Expence therof to be £4-14-6 Which is allowed by this Meetg, & the Comtee furnished With an Order on the Quarterly Meetgs Treasurer to draw the same & then to pay it Where it appears to be Due

Smithfield Prepenative Meetg Inform that Ezra Allen Junr, has been much in the Neglect of plainness and the attendance of our Religious Meetings, for which he hath been treated with by some of the Overseers, and tho but little Encouragement appeared for further labour, yet this Meetg upon Consideration appoints Benjamin Pearce & Benedict Remington to make a Visit to the young man, and Endeavour as way Opens to set before him the advantages that arise from a Steady & Circumspect manner of living, and likewise What Results on the Contrary, & Report their Sense thereof to our Next Meetg

The Overseers of the poor Inform their year is Expired, Wherfore David Mowry Jabez Wing Benjamin Battey & John Kelly Jr are appointed to Succeed in that Capacity the year Insuing.

At a monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield ye 27 of 11 mo 1798. — The friends Named in the accounts from the Prepenative Meetings for Representatives are from Smithfield George Smith & Enoch Sprague from Glocester Arca Smith and Benjamin Battey. Who being Called are all present.

Our Beloved Friend Roger Haverland attended this Meetg With a Certificate from a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Oblong in the State of New York the 16 of 7 mo 1798 With a Concurring Certificate thereon from a Quarterly Meetg held at the Purchase for the Purchase the 1st Day of the 8 mo following Which are With his Company and Gospel Labours among us to our Sattisfaction, Eddification and Comfort

His Companion Isaac Osborn also attended this Meetg. With a Coppy of a minute from a mouthly Meetg held at Oblong the 13 - of 8 month 1798. Setting forth friends uni With him as an Elder, and with his accompanying Roger on his Religeous Visit to friend in these parts Which having been Read is with his Company among us very acceptable.— and a few lines was Indorsed on their Certificates Signifying the same.—

The Committee Continued to Visit Mendon Meetg made Report in Writing, Which upon Consideration appears rather Inaddaquate to the Circumstance, Whereupon said Comtee is still Continued for further attention to the Subject. and feel after the propriety of holding friends Meetg. in the manner Expressed in their Report. and If upon further Consideration that mode appears advisable then to agree with the principle Proprietors for the use of the house, & Report to Our Next Meeting.—

The Committee appointed to take an Opportunity with Ezra Allen jun Inform that they have Endeavourd to have one with him, but was Disappointed by his being from home, and as nothing more unfavourable appears in his Conduct, it is thought best to have the Case Referd two months, Which is accordingly Referd Under the Comtees Care they then to Report —

Two of the Comtee in the Case of Cirus Carpenter Report that they have latly had another Opportunity with him, and tho but little alteration appeared, yet this Meetg Expresed a Choice in having his Case Continued three months more. Which is Continued untill that time under the Comtees Care they then to Report—

This Meeting Recd the Following Coppy of a minute from Saratoga Monthly Meetg, (Viz(

The Friends appointed to visit John Walkers Jnr (agreeable to the Request of Smithfield Monthly Meetg) Report they have Visited him to a Degree of sattisfaction & by Enquiry dont find but his life & Conversation is in a Good Degree Orderly, & a diligent attender of our Religious Meetgs, And after a time of Solid Consideration theron this Meetg Unites with the Report of the Comtee; And the Clerk is Directed to send a Coppy of this Minute to that Monthly Meetg.

Coppy Extracted from the minutes of our Monthly Meetg held at Saratoga the 22d of 8th mo 1798 —

Joseph Bowne Clerk

Which is accepted and the friend therein mentioned Restored to membership with us, & George Arnold and Wm Buffum are appointed to prepare a Certificate Suitable to the Circumstance & present the same to Our Next Meetg

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Inform that John Smith has a prospect of Removing with his family within the limits of Saratoga Monthly Meeting, & Desired a Certificate for that purpose, Whereupon John Man Jonathan Mowry & Rufus Smith are appointed to Consider of the Circumstance of his Removal, & Report their Sense thereof to our Next Meetg, and also a Certificate for himself Wife and Children if that appears best.

Said Meetg likewise Inform that Jabez Wing was Desirous of a Certificate to South Kingstown monthly Meetg in Order for marriage Upon Which Information Annanias Mowry & Wm Buffum are appointed to take the Necessary Care therein, and prepare a Certificate for that purpose If no Objection appears and bring to Our Next Meetg.

That Meeting was also Informed that Abijah Newel. proposed to lay his Intentions of marriage with Elles Sprague before this Meetg. he being furnished with a Certificate from the monthly Meetg of Salem held at Lyn the 8th of the present month, Certifying his Clearness in that Respect. Wherefore they appeared and laid their Intentions accordingly, & were directed to Next monthly Meetg for an answer.

Elisha Thornton Returned a Certificate this Meetg gave him in the 2d mo last to Perform a Religious visit to friends of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, he Informing that the sd visit has been performed.

It appears that Smithfield Preparative Meetg
Raised & Deld the Treasurer $33=84 Cents
and that Glocester Raised and
Sent to Treasurer - - - - - 5-92 Cents

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 27th of the 12th month 1798
The friends Named in the accounts from the Preparative Meetgs are Smithfield Benjamin Pearce from Glocester Jerimiah Ballard & Enoch Steere Who are all present.

The Queries & answers from the preparative Meetgs have been Read in this & from them General answers Composed & with some alteration approved, and sent with our account to the Quarterly Meetg by Zaccheus Southwick Jonathan Mowry and Zadok Smith, Who are appointed and Named therein for Representatives, and they to Report their attendance to our Next Meetg.

The Committee Presented a Certificate Directed to Southkingstown monthly Meetg setting forth Jabez Wings Right of membership and Clearness of marriage Engagement with us approved & signed by the Clerk. and a Copy Preserved for Recording

The Comtee Continued for the further Consideration of holding Mendon Meeting Report that they have attended therto. and agreed for the Use of the house to this Meetgs sattisfaction, that is after the Rate one Dollar pr year. Wherefore their Report Presented to Our last Monthly Meeting is accepted & here followeth. — We of the Committee to visit Mendon Meetg have visited sd meetg. and are of the opinion that it may be best that every other first Day Meeting be held at the School house a little Westward of George Smiths untill Circumstances make it advisable to alter

To the Monthly Meeting
to be held the 29 of 11th mo 1798

Lydia Smith
Elizabeth Sprague
Deborah Mowry
James Smith
Elisha Thornton
Jonathan Mowry

And said Meeting to be held in future as Expresed in the above Report untill other wise altered by this Meeting and the first meetg to be held on the first first Day of the Succeeding year. ——

The Comtee to prepare a Certificate for John Walker Junr Presented an Essay therof, Which upon Consideration is approved and signed in both Meetgs and ordered Recorded and Sent forward. ——

The Comtee in the Case of John Smiths Removal Inform they have taken some Care in the Settlement of his affairs, but have not Prepared a Certificate for him, they are therefore Continued to fulfil their appointment and Report to Our Next Meetg

Abijah Newel & Elles Sprague appeared in this Meeting & Informed that they Continued their Intentions of marraige & Recd an anſwer for the Same & Jonathan Mowry & Benedick Remington are appointed to attend their marraige agreeably to Our Diſcipline & Report therof to Our Next Meetg.

The Consideration of Raising money for the aſistance of Friends in building Several Meetg houses within falmouth Quarterly Meetg. Recommended by our last yearly Meetg. & Communicated in their Extracts to the Quarter, is Refered to our Next Monthly Meetg

The Committee in the Case of Anna Moſher Widow Inform they have paid attention to the Circumstance, and Produced the following Report which is accepted; Viz (

We of the Committees of the Monthly Meetgs of Smithfield & Providence in the Case of Anna Moſher Widow, having Confered on the Subject do agree as follows, that the sd Anna Moſher be allowed & Considered to belong to Smithfield Monthly Meetg, and that they have the Care & maintainence of her as one of their poor members,— but it is Nevertheleſs agreed that the monthly Meetg of Providence in Consideration of the Claim of Smithfield on them for aſsistance in her Support, and to avoid Doubtful Diſputations on the Subject, the Sum of Twenty Five Dollars be paid by the monthly Meetg of Providence to the Monthly Meeting of Smithfield annually from the Date hereof, So long as she shall live & Continue to be Supported as a poor friend, and that no further Claim be made by Ether Meetg for What may have been paid by them.——
And that this agreement be presented to Each Meeting as our Report for an amicable Settlement of her Case, and on the Reception therof by the two meetings to be final, but in Case either meeting should not be easy to accept the Same as a Settlement of the matter

The same is not considered or to be made use of on any further Endeavour to adjust the matter. And it is proposed by us to Each monthly Meetg in case they approve of this Settlement that an application be made to the Quarterly & yearly Meetg for an Explanation of the Rule of Discipline Respecting the Extent & Import of the word Insolvent, and such other part of that minute as has occationed a Diversity of prospects, in order to prevent the like in future, And What ever Explanation they may may Judge proper to make, is in no respect to Effect this agreement All which we Submit to the monthly Meetings

Smithfield 29th 11 mo 1798
Wm Buffum
George Arnold
Walter Allen
James Smith
Moses Brown
Joseph Farnum
Joseph Ferris

And the said Anna Mosher therein mentioned is in Effect Considered to Belong to this Meetg, who Immediately Claims the assistence of Friends.

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Raised & Delivered the Treasurer $ 27 & 2 Cents And Glocester Meetg Raised & sent to the Treasurer Seven Dollars.

At a monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 31st Day of the first month 1799

the accounts from the preparative Meetgs being presented, the friends therein appointed for Representatives are from Smithfield Stephen Aldrich & Samuel Smith from Glocester Jessa Battey & Paul Smith. Who being Called are all present Except Stephen Aldrich who is absent by Reason of Sickness

The Representatives to last Quarterly Meetg Inform they attended according to appointment.

The Committee in the Case of John Smith Removal Inform. that a Draught of a Certifica has been made out for that purpose. but the finishing therof is suspended untill next Monthly Meetg by Reason that a number of his affairs Remains yet unsettled: therfore the Comtee are Directed to use their Endeavours to accomplish the same. and Report the state therof to our Next Meetg.

The Comtee appointed to attend the Marraige of Abijah Newel and Elles Sprag Inform they attended therto. Which according to their Obſervation was Conducted in an orderly manner. and their Certificate was Deliver'd the Register for Recording

The Consideration of furnishing Friends of Falmouth Quarterly Meeting with a little property to aſsist them in building Several Meetg houses, Within their Quarter, Coming now before this Meetg. and a number of friends Expressed a Willingneſs to forward Ten Dollars for that purpose. therfore our Treasurer is Directed to Send that Sum to the Quarterly Meetgs Treasurer, & Inform this Meetg When accomplished.

Smithfield Preparative Meetgs account Inform that Joseph Healy proposed to lay his Intentions of marraige with Phebe Smith before this Meetg & he Producing a Certificate from the monthly Meetg of providence, Expresive of His Clearness in that Case, thereupon they appeared and Declared their Intentions accordingly & were Directed to Our next Meetg for an answer

This being the time the Comtee was to make Report in the Case of Ezra Allen; Whereupon they Inform they have paid some attention thereto, and propose Continuing the Case one month more, and friends approving thereof it is Continued untill that time under the Comtees Care, they then to Report. —

It appearing that the fence Round the buring Ground ~~at~~ this place needs Repairing, therefore Zacheus Southwick is appointed to prepare Stuff and make the Necessary Repairs the Ensuing Spring, & Report the Expence thereof to this Meetg when accomplished.

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Raised and Sent the Treasurer 11 Dollars & 8 Cents.

Walter Allen Clerk

At a monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 28th of the 2nd Month 1799. The friend Named in the accounts from the Preparative Meetg for Representatives, are from Smithfield Joseph Bartlet and Daniel Smith from Glouester Area Smith & Enoch Steere Who being Called are all present.

The Comtee Who had the Care of John Smiths Removel Certificate &c, Report, that as far as appears his affairs are now Settled to Sattisfaction, accordingly a Certificate was presented Recommending him with his Wife & Children to the Care of Saratoga Monthly Meetg. Which being Read is approved and Signed in each Meetg and Ordered Recorded and Sent forward.

The Committee Informing they have not had any ~~further~~ Opportunity With Ezra Athergns Since our last Meetg. Whereupon they are Continued untill Next Monty Meetg and Desired to pay Special attention to the Circumstances Relative to that Case, and Report thereof to Our Next Meetg

The Comtee to Whome the Case of Cirus Carpenter Was Committed & from time to time Continued, Report, that three of them ~~have~~ (the other being Sick) have had another Solid Opportunity With him. and gave it as theirs Opinion, that it might be measurably Safe for friends to Receive him as amember of Society

And this Meetg upon Solid and Deliberate Consideration and several fervent & weighty Remarks thereon made: Expressed a Concurrence with the Comtees Report, and the Womens approbation being Obtained he is Received accordingly

Joseph Healy & Phebe Smith Came before this Meetg and Expresed a Continuence of their Intentions of marriage and Received and answer for the Same & Benjamin Pearce & Walter Allen are appointed to attend the Consumation thereof and Report to Our Next Meetg

The present School Comtee is Dismist And Jessa Battey Jonathan Mowry Zadok Smith Seth Kelly Junr & Joseph Bartlet are appointed to Succeed in that Capacity the year Insuing and they Desired to assist friends as way opens for the Right Edducation of their Children

Recd 20 Dollars being one year Interest of a note Which is this Meetgs property in the hands of William Buffum and Delivered the Same to the Treasurer.

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Collected and Delivered the Treasurer 3 Dollars and Glocester at their two last Meetgs Collected & forwarded to the Treasurer $7-16

Walter Allen Clerk

At a monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 28th of the 3rd Mo 17 the Representatives from the Several Preparati Meetgs as appears by their accounts Presented are, from Smithfield Olny Thompson & Enos Mow from Glouceste Benjamin Battey & Chad Smith Who being Called are all present Exept Benjamin Battey.

The Queries with answers therto from the Preparative Meetings were read in this Meetg and general answers Composed therfrom Read & approved of; & Sent up to the Quarterly Meetg by Our Representatives Zadock Smith and Walter Allen, Who are to Report their attendan to Next Monthly Meetg.

The Comtee to attend the Marraige of Joseph Realy & Phebe Smith Report as followeth Viz Agreeable to appointment we attended the Marraige of Joseph Realy & Phebe Smith and afterwards at the house where the married Coupl Retired, and tho the Collection at the Meeting hou was large, yet as far as we observed it appeared to be Conducted in an Orderly Manner and their Certificate Delivered for Recording Walter Allen

3rd Mo 7th 1799
Benjamin Pearce
Abigail Pearce
Patience Arnold

Smithfield Preparative Meeting in their account Infor that Olny Thornton requested the Care of Friends for his three Children Namly Fenner Nancy & Loues, therupon Elisha Thornton & James Smith are appointed in Conjunction with a Comtee of Women Friends to take a Solid Opportunity in the family and Endeavour to feel after the Propriety and Suitableness of Said Request being granted, and make Return to Our next Meetg

This Meetg being Informed that Elisha Thornton -Junr has gone with the Concent of his Father & Friends To live for the Term of One Year, Within Uxbridge Monthly Meetg. he being a member of this Meetg & Friends approving therof, the Clerk is Directed to transmit a Coppy of this minute to Uxbridge Mnthly Meeting.

This Meeting Audit Report the following Statment of accounts with the Treasurer Viz.

This Day Settle the Treasurers accounts & find Due to him a ballance of $ 11-53 Which added to the 10 Dollars agreed to be Raised for Falmouth Quarterly Meeting makes $ 21-53 Walter Allen
17 - 3d Mo 1799 Zadock Smith

In Consequence Whereof this Meetg Directs the Preparative Meetgs to Raise the Sum of 25 Dols and Send to the Treasurer, and the Present Representatives are Directed to have Charge therof.

The Comtee in the Case of Ezra Allen Junr Inform that Since our last Meetg. they have had an Opportunity in the family but not with the young man, Whereupon this Meetg Continues the Case untill the 6 month Next, under the Comtees Care they then to Report, unto Whome Abner Bartlet James Smith & Daniel Smith are added.

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Raised and Pd the Treasurer two Dollars

At a monthly meetg of Friends held at Smithfield 25 of the 4th Mo 1799.

The Representative Named in the minutes from the Preparative Meetgs are from Smithfield Jonathan Mowry & Seth Smith, from Glouceſter Jerimiah Bolton & James Smith. Who being Called are all present —

The Representatives to last Quarterly Meetg Report they all attended agreeably to appointment. & the Clerk thereof Produced the following minutes from that Meetg — the Contents Whereof Friends are Desired to pay suitable attention to.

The Committee appointed at last Quarter to take into Consideration the Subject of Dividing this Quarterly Meetg made the following Report Viz — We of the Comtee appointed to Consider the proposal of Dividing this Quarterly Meetg have had a Solid Satisfactory conference on the Subject, & it is Our Opinion that it will be best to Refer the matter that it may be further Considered & Digested - Signed on behalf of the Comtee that are Present — by Silvester Wicks
Deborah Greene

Which Report being agreable to the mind of the Meetg. that Case is Refered for the further Consideration of Next Quarterly Meetg. and the Clerk is Directed to furnish each monthly Meeting with a Coppy of this minute. —

This Meetg having agreed to raise the sum of One Hundred Dollars, also that the Representatives in future meet at the 9th hour in the morning of the Day of the Quarterly Meetg for the purpose of making a Summary of the answers to the Queries, and Proportion moneys agreed to be Raised, And such other business as may be proper for them to take into Consideration —

Extracted from the minutes of our Quarterly Meetg held at East Greenwich the 11 & 12th Days of the 4th Mo 1799 George Arnold
Clerk.

The Committee in the Case of Olney Thompsons Request for friends Care over his three Children Report, they have attended to their appointment in that Case (together with part of the Womens Comtee, and Consider it Safe to Receive them as members of Society, and this & the womens Mo[n]ly Meetg Uniting with the Comtees Report, they are Recd accordingly —

The Women Inform they have Come to a Conclusion to grant the Request of Hannah Callum & Receive her a member of Society, If this meeting approves therof, & no objection appearing She is Received accordingly —

Smithfield Preparative ^meeting Inform that a Proposition was there made ~~&~~ by a friend from Mendon Meeting for a Committee to be appointed to take into Consideration the Utility of Preparing another buring lot there= more Conveniently Situated for the most of Friends that Constitute that Perticular Meetg tha the One now is where the Meeting house sta

Wherefore Wm Buffum George Arnold & Rufus Smith are appointed to Consider thereof, & Report the Place & Conditions to Next Mo[n]ly Meetg, & also to take a Deed o behalf of this Meetg If that appears best.

Smithfield Preparative Meeting Raised & Pd. the Treasurer $6-46

Walter Allen Clerk

At a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield 30th of the 5th Mo 1799 —
the minutes from the Preparative Meetgs being Preſented the Repreſentatives therein Named are from Smithfield David Mowry & Jona. Sayles from Glouceſter Benjamin Battey & Jerimiah Bollard Who being Called are all preſent.

One of the Committe on the Request from mendon Respecting burying ground Report that two of them have paid Some attention therto but not having fully Complited the same the matter is Refered under the Comtees Care they to Report to Next Mo. Meetg ——

Recd a Certificate from Salem Monthly Meetg, on behalf of our friend Abijah Newal, Which being Read is accepted & Ordered Recorded. ——

This Meetg Recd Eight printed General Epiſtles from London for 1798, One of Which hath been read to sattisfaction, & Elisha Thornton Zadock Smith & George Smith jun are appointted to have the care of reading them at Each of the Perticular Meetgs belonging to this, & Report when accompliſhed,

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Raised & Delivered the Treasurer $ 3 - 3 Cents
And Glouceſter Meetg forwared to the Treasurer - - —— - $ 2 - 76 Cents,

At a monthly Meeting of friends held at Smithfield the 27 of the 6th mo. 1799 —

The friends Named in the accounts from the Preparative Meetgs for Representatives are, from Smithfield Abner Bartlett & Annanias Mowry from Glouces̄ter Benjamin Batey & Asa Smith And being Called are all present. ——

Our Beloved Friend Chalkly Albertson attended this Meetg. With a Certificate from a Monthly Meetg. held at Suttons Creek Perquimans County in North Corlinai the 9 of the 2d Mo 1799 and approved by a Quarterly Meetg held at little River in the County & State aforsaid the 23d of the 2d month, Expressing Friends Unity With his Ministry, and ~~Near Sympathy~~ also With his Concern to pay a Religeous Visit to friends in these parts, Which having been Read, are With his Company & labours Of Love in the ministry acceptable & Eddifying

His Companion Zachariah Nixon also attended With him, and Presented a Certificate from the aforesd. Monthly Meeting held the 9 day of 3d Mo. last and having been Read is With his Company acceptable to us ——

Likewise Our beloved friend Garret Burtis attended this Meetg & Produced a Certificate from a monthly Meetg held at Nine partners in Dutches County and State of Newyork, the 17th of the 4th Mo 1799 — Setting forth friends Unity with him as a minister & also With his Concern to perform a Religious Visit to friends Within the Compass of Rhodeisland Yearly Meetg With a Concurring Indorsment theron, made at a Quarterly Meetg held at the Nine Partners the 8th of the 5th Mo following. Which having been Read in this Meetg are With his Company and labours of love in the Gospel to our Edification and Comfort ——

Also his Companion John Christy attended ~~the~~ this Meetg With a Coppy of a minute from a monthly Meeting held at Nine Partners the 15th of the 5th Mo last, Which hath been Read to Sattisfaction, and his Company acceptable. —

The friends Continued to finish their appointment Respecting a burying lot at Mendon, Report, that by meeting with a Disappointment they have not finished ~~the~~ the Same therefore that Case is Continued ~~under~~ Under the Comtees Care they to Report to our Near Meetg

Glaucester Preparative Meetg Raised & forwarded to the Treasurer $ 1-77 Cents —

And Our Treasurer is now Directed to Send Ten Dollars to the Treasurer of Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, being this Meetgs Subscription for their assistance in building several Meetg houses Within that Quarter & Report When accomplished. —

At a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield 25th of the 9 mo 1799. The accounts from the Preparative being presented, the Representatives therein named are from Smithfield Jonathan Mowry And Zacheus Southwick from Glaucester James Smith & Enoch Steere, Who being Called are all present.

The Queries & answers from the Preparative meetgs have been Read, and from them General answers Compiled Read and approved of and sent up With this Meetgs account to the Quarterly Meetg by Jonathan Mowry & James Smith Who are named therein for Representatives, and Directed to Report their attention to Next Monthly Meetg

The Comtee Continued to finish their appointment in the Case of a buring lot at mendon, Report that they have Contracted with Samuel Smith for half an acre of land for that purpose, towards the Southerly part of his farm & on the west of the Road leading from Providence to Worcester, at the price of Eighteen Dollars pr acre, the one half whereof the said Samuel and his brother George, has given to the Monthly Meetg for the aforsaid Purpose, or otherwise as the Meetg Shall hereafter think proper, the other half being paid by four of the heirs of Seth Shelly Deceased, Which they likewise give for the purporses herein Described the Comtee also Produced a suitable Deed for the Conveyance thereof Which is Ded to Wm Buffum to have Recorded at Worcester & then Lodged with this Meetings Register.

Recd a Certificate from SouthKingston Monthly Meeting, in favour of Rowland Rathbun now Resident in this Meetg, & Recomended to our Care Which is accepted and Lodged for Recording.

Two of the Comtee in the Case of Ezra Allen Junr, Inform, that they have Endeavourd to have an opportunity with him, but was prevented by his being from home on a vige to sea therefore that case is Continued untill Next Monthly Meetg under the Comtees Care they then to Report.

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Informs that Abner Bartlet is about to Remove with his family to Danby Monly Meetg in the State of Vermont & Desires this Meetgs Certificate for that purpose thereupon George Arnold and Benedick Remington are appointed to unite with a Comtee of Women friends and assist them (if need Requires) in the Settlement of their affairs and also prepare an Essay of a Certificate and bring to Next Monthly Meetg If Nothing appears to hinder.

Zacheus Southwick presented an account to the amount of Ten Dollars & 75 Cents in consequence of Repairing the fence roun this buring yard, which is Approved and the Treasurer Directed to pay the same

Smithfield Preparative Meetg raised & Deld the Treasurer $ 6-93 Cents And Glocester Meetg raised & sent to the Treasurer 50 Cents. ——

At a monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield the 29th Day of the 8th mo 1799 — The friends Named in the accounts from the preparative Meetgs to Representatives are; from Smithfield Abijah Howard and Joseph Bartlet, from Glocester Jessa Batley & Jerimiah Thornton who being Called are all present.

The Representative Inform they attende the Quarterly Meetg agreeable to appointment, & a minute of Information being Read that this Meetgs Proportion of the Quarterly Meetgs Stock is twelve Dollars

The Comtee in the Case of Ezra Allen Junr Inform they have not seen him since last monthly Meetg, but being now Informed that he is about home, the Comtee is Directed to attend once more to the Case and Report the Circumstance thereof to our Next Meetg

The Committee Presented a Certificate Recomending Abner Bartlet his Wife & such of his Children as are members of society, to the Care of friends of Danby Monly Meetg, which being satisfactory to friends, is accordingly signed in both Meetgs and Ordered Recorded ——

Smithfield preparative Meetg in their account Inform that Benjamin Wing hath neglected to Comply with his Promises, & pay his Just Debts, & hath not been so Carful in managing his affairs as is apprehended would have been best; and altho Considerable care labour hath heretofore been extended in some of those Instances this Meeting Nevertheless ~~this~~ ~~Meetg~~ find freedom to appoint James Smith George Smith John Man Enoch Steere & Benja Batty to labour with him on the Deficiencies herein Expressed, and as ability may be afforded use their Endeavours for a just and Equitable accomadation of those matters which hath in part occationed the present Complaint, and also other Circumstances which may come before them Relative to the State of his affairs & Report to Next Monly Meetg. ——

Said meeting also Inform that Caleb Cain proposed to lay his Intentions of marriage with Dorcas Mowry, befo this Meetg; & Consent parents being obtained, they appeared and declared their Intentions accordingly, & George Arnold and William Buffum are appointed to Inspect into their Clearness in that Case & Report thereof to our Next Meetg

That Meetg likewise inform that Stodin Arnold is about to Remove within the verge of Danby Monly Meetg, & Requested this Meetgs Certificate for the same & Walter Allen & Zadok Smith are appointed to Consult the Circumstance of his Remova and if no objection appears Report an Essay of a Certificate to Next Monly Meetg. ——

This Meeting is also Informed that Edward Smith is about going into the country in Order to Procure a Settlement for himself and Family & desires friends advice therein Wherefore Ananias Mowry Rufus Smith Zaccheus Southwick & Enoch Sprague, are appointed to advise him, as way Opens on that Subject. & Report thereof to this Meeting next month

The Committees heretofore appointed in the Cases of a Libry & monthly Meetgs School are Now Dismissed.

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Collected And Dld the Treasurer $ 12 - 68 Cents

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At A Monthly Meeting Of Friends held at Smithfield the 26 of the 9th Mo 1799. The Representatives Named in the accounts from the Preparative Meetgs are for Smithfield Abijah Newal And George Smith Jnr for Glocester Zadok Smith and Benjamin Battey Who being Called are all present. —

The Queries and answers from the Preparative Meetings have been read and General answers following, which with a little amendment were approved, & Subjoined to this Meetings account to the Quarter, and Sent up by our representatives George Smith John Mann and Zaccheus Southwick, Who are to Report to our Next Monthly Meetg — And Daniel Smith Ananias Mowry & Job Shearman are appointed to make the Necessary provision for Sd Meetg. to be held at this place, and Report the Expence thereof to Our Next Meetg

Two of the Comttee in the Case of Ezra Allen Junr Inform that they have had another opportunity With him, And is no apparent alteration appearing in his Conduct for the better. & little or no Incouragment afforded for further labour, upon Which Informatio this Meeting With the approbation of the Women, Disowns Unity With him as a member of society, and George Smith & Wm Buffum are appointed to Inform him thereof & of his Right of appeal, and Report to Our Next Meetg.

The Committee appointed in the Case of Benjamin Wing Inform, they have had an Opportunity With him, but not having fully accomplished the Object of their appointment they are Continued untill Next. Monly Meetg in Which time, they are Desired to pay Suitable attention. to the Circumstances of that Case, & Report accordingly.

The Comttee Reported a draught of a Certificate Recommending Hadwin Arnold to the care of friends of Danby Monthly Meeting Which being approved, is signed in this & the Womens monthly Meeting & lodged for Recording

The Comttee Inform that on enquiry nothing appears to hinder Caleb Dean from proceeding in marriage With Dorcas Mowry as proposed at a month. Whereupon they appeared & Informed they Continued their Intentions & Received an answer accordingly & John Mann & Walter Allen are appointed to attend their Marriage agreeable to Discipline. and ~~make Return~~ to Our Next Meeting.

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Inform
that David Eddy, proposed to lay his
Intention of Marriage with Hannah Arnold
before this Meetg; he producing a Certificate
from the Monthly Meetg of Danby Expressing
his Right in Society, & Clearness of Marriage
Engagments in them parts; and Consent of
parents being also Produced, they appeared
and laid their intentions accordingly; & were
Directed to Next Monthly Meetg for answer —

The Committee appointed to treat with
Edward Smith on account of his purchasing
a settlement in the Country, Inform that they
have (as they apprehend) taken the Necessary
Care therein & Communicated their best advice on
that Subject, and think well to leave him at
liberty to proceed and purchase as Way opens.

The time for which the Overseers
Were appointed is now Expired, in Consequence
Whereof James Smith Jabez Wing Elisha
Thornton & George Smith are appointed
to Consider Who may be Suitable for
that appointment the Ensuing year and
Treat with the friends on the Subject & Report
their Names to next Monthly Meetg —

Benedick Remington Benjamin
Battey & Jonathan Mowry are appointed
to Consider Who may be Suitable to Succeed as Clerk & Treasurer for this Meetg,
and Consult the friends on them Subject and
Report thereof to our Next Meetg —

Walter Allen Zadock Smith Armani
Mowry & John Mann are appointed to act i
the Capacity of auditors for the Monthly
Meeting as occation Requires the Inſuing year

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Raised & Pd
the Treaſurer $ 4-95 Cents. ——

At a monthly Meeting of friend
held at Smithfield ye 31st Day of the 10th Mo 1799
The minutes of the Preparative Meetings being
present, it appears, that the following friends
are therein named for Representatives, Viz from Smi
field Seth Kelly and Job Shearman from Glouce
Jeſſe Battey & Zadock Smith who are al
Present.~

Glouceſter preparative Meeting in their
account Inform, that Philip Walden attended
that meeting & Requested the Care of friends, and now
appearing in this, & Continuing his Request Walter
Allen Jona. Mowry Zacheus Southwick & Benja. Battey
are appointed to take a Solid Opportunity with him
and endeavour to feel after the mind of truth in that
Case, and Suitable Situation of his mind to be
admitted a member of Society, and Report thereof to
Our Next Meetg. ——

The Repreſentatives to Last Quarterly Meetg
Report they attended agreeable to appointment. ——
And the Comtee. Who had the Care of Providing horse
keeping &c. for Sd. Meetg. Report that Suitable atten
was paid thereto, and the Expence in Consequence
thereof is twelve Dollars, Which Sum is allowed by this
Meeting, and the Comtee. furnished with an Order on t
Quarterly Meetgs Treaſurer, Requesting him to pay t
Sum therein Mentioned. ——

The Committee in the Case of Benjamin King Inform, that some further attention hath been been paid to the Circumstances thereof. but not being able to make a full or Decisive Report at this time. Sd Case is Continued one month more, Under the Comtees Care, they then to Report.

The friends who had the Care of informing Ezra Allen Jnr. of his Denial, Right of appeal, &c. Report, that at present there hath no way oppened for that Information to take place, Wherfore sd Comtee is Continued to accomplish the same and Report to Our next Meetg.

David Eddy & Hannah Arnold appeared in this Meetg and Informed, that there Intentions of marriage were Continued, and they accordingly Receivd an answer for the purpose thereof. & Walter Allen and Zadok Smith are appointed to attend their marriage agreable to Discipline & Report accordingly.

The Committee presented ~~in writing~~ a Report on the marriage of Caleb Pain & Dorcas Mowry, Which is accepted, and here followeth. Vizt according to appointment, We attended the marriage of Caleb Paine and Dorcas mowry, Which appeared to us to be Conducted in a Quiet & Orderly manner, both at the meeting house and also at the house where the married Couple Retired. — and there Certificate Delvd for Recording

10th mo 3d day 1799

John Mann
Walter Allen
Sarah Smith
Rowena Smith

The Comittee appointed to consider of some Friends suitable for the place of Overseers, Inform that they are not Ready to Report the Names of any for that appointment at this time, therfore the Comittee is Continued untill next Monthly meetg and then to Report.——

The Committee Inform they are not Ready at present to Report a Clerk & Treasurer for this Meeting the Insuing year therefore they are Continued to accomplish their appointment in that Case, and Report therof, to Our next Meetg.—

Smithfield Preparative Meetg. Inform that Seth Smith was then about to Remove with his family, within the Compass of Hudson Monthly Meeting, in the State of New york, and Requested this Meetings Certificate for sd Removal, Whereupon David Mowry & Benjamin Pearce are appointed (jointly with the women) to Enquire into the Circumstances therof, & if nothing appears to prevent a Certificates being Granted prepare one & present to our Next Meetg.

Said Meetg also Inform, that they Raised and Delivered the Treasurer $ 4-29 Cents And $ 4-52 Cents was Raised by Glocester Meetg and sent to the Treasurer.——

Walter Allen, Clerk.

At a monthly Meeting of friends held at Smithfield the 28th of the 11th Mo. 1799. the minutes from the preparative meetings being presented, the friends Named therein for Representatives, are, from Smithfield Samuel Smith & Daniel Smith.— from Glouceter Arca Smith And Jerimiah Thornton Who being Called are all present.—

The Committe in the Case of Phillip Waldens Request for the Care of friends made the following Report which is accepted Agreable to appointment we have had a Solid & Satisffactory Opperturnity in the family and with Phillip Walden and are Unitedly Agreed that the motives of his Request were Sincere and on our part find Nothing to hinder his being admitted a member of Society Neverthelss Submit the same to the Monthly Meet And the womens approbation being had he is now Received a member

The Committe, inform they taken Considerable pains for an other opportunity with Benja Wing but have not accomplished any thing in that way, therefore they are continued untill next Monthly Meet And Jabez Wing William Buffum and Bennedict Remington are added to them who are Desired to attend to that matter and Report to next Mo Meet

Walter Allen
Benja Batty
John Mowry
Zacheus Southwick

The Com^tee Report that Ezra Allen
junior has been Informed agreeable to ap
paintment

The Com^tee Presented the names of J
George Arnold Zaccheus Southwick Jeremi^ah
Bollard and Jesse Batty to stand appaint
as overseers of Society for the year ensuing
which Proposition being agreeable to this
Meetg they are appainted for 1^st time

The Com^tee in the Case of Clerk & Treasur
Report that they have Concluded for
Zadock Smith to serve the Meetg as Clerk
the ensuing year the same being agreeable
to this Meetg he is appainted accordingly—
they further Inform they are not Ready to Repor
a Treasury at this time wherefore they are Coni
nued for that Purpose and Desired to Repor
to next m^th Meetg

The Comtee Inform they attended the
Marriage of David Eddy and Hannah
Arnold and in Consequence thereof Produced
the following Report which is excepted
viz We have agreable to appaintment
attended the marriage of David Eddy and
Hannah Arnold which appeared to us t
(Considering the greatness of the Assembly)
to be Conducted in an orderly and Quiet man
ner, and but very few people attended at the
house where the married Couple Retired
and those that did were also Quiet

Their Certificate is Delivered for Recording

11th Mo 7th Day 1799

{ Walter Allen
Zadok Smith
Lydia Smith
Lucy Buffum

The Comtee Exhibited a Certificate Recommending Seth Smith with his wife Unice and Child to the Care of Hudson Montl Meetg in the State of New york, which is Excepttable to this and the womens Meetg and accordingly Signed in both Meetgs and ordered Recorded——

Smithfield Preparitive Meetg Inform that Edward Smith Desires a Certificate of Removeal to Hudson Monthly Meetg for himself and family whereupon Joseph Bartlet and Jabez Uing are appointed to enquire in the State of his affairs, and if nothing appear to hender Report a Certificate to next Mo Meetg—

Sd Meetg also inform that $1.16 Cents was raised and sent the Treasuer & 50 Cents was raised by Glouceter Meetg and sent to the Treasuer—

Zadok Smith Clerk

At a monthly Meetg of friends held at Smithfield 26th of 12 Mo 1799

The Representatives Named in accounts from the Preparitive Meetg Are Smithfield Zacheus Southwick and Oley Thomson Glouceter Rufus Smith and Jeremiah Ballard who being Called are all Present

The Queries and Anſwers have been read in this Meetg and general anſwers made out out therefrom and forwarded with the account by our Repreſentatives who are Jeremiah Ballard Jona Mowry and Benedict Remington who are Deſired to attend to their appointment and Report to next Monthly Meetg

The Committee in the Case of Benjamin Wing report that some of them have paid some attention to that matter but are not ready to make full Report ~~in~~ ~~that Case~~, the matter is therefore Referd to next Monthly Meetg under their Care they then to report

The Committee in the Case of Treaſurer Report that they thought well to appoint Zaccheus Southwick Treaſurer the enſuing year which meeting the approbation of this Meetg he is appointed accordingly and the Auditors are Deſired to audit the former Treaſurers accounts and Remove the books and Papers from the former to the Preſent Treaſurer and Report to next mothly Meetg

The Comtee report that they are not ready to furniſh Edward Smith with a Certificate at this time they are Continued for that Purpoſe and Deſired to Report to next Monthly Meetg

Smithfield Preparative Meetg inform tha
Walter Allen Proposes to lay his Intent
of marriage with Lucy Buffum before
this Meetg. he Producing Consent of Parent
And they appearing in this Meetg and declar
their Intentions accordingly and were directe
to next Monthly Meetg for an answer—
And George Arnold & George Smith jun
are appointed to enquire into his Clearness
in that respect & report to next Monthly
Meetg Sd Meetg also inform that 85 Cents
~~were~~ was Raised & Delivered the Treasurer
This Meetg Recd a Letter from the Meetg
for Sufferings Stating that there are a few
families of the Indian Tribes within this
Yearly Meetg who are about to Remove
to where Provision of Lands is made for
them at Os. And this Meetg feeling a
willingness to assist sd families Have
Directed our Treasurer to forward £ 10 to
the Meetg for Sufferings for that Purpose
and the Clk is Directed to forward a Coppy
of this minute to that Meetg

This Meetg directs our Treasurer to Call
on the Treasurer of Providence Mo Meetg
for 25 Dollars which appears to be Due
from that Meetg to this as their Proporti
for keeping the widow Mowsier & the Clk
is directed furnish him with a Coppy of
this minute

The Preparative Meetgs are desired to
enter into a Subscription of 50 Dollars to
pay this Meetg Debts—

At a Monthly Meetg of friends held
at Smithfield 30th of the 4th Month 1800

The Representatives named in the account
from the Preparative Meetg are from
Smithfield Caleb Pain and Jonathan Sales
Glocester Abe Batty and Jeremiah Ballard
who being called are all Present

The Representatives report that they
all attended the Quarterly Meetg according to
appointment.

The Comtee in the case of Benjamin
Illing Report that they have taken Consider
able Pains in that matter, and he appearing
in a disposition of Mind to make friends
but very little if any Satisfaction, Nevertheless
this Meetg upon solid consideration thinks it was
best to contd case one month more under the
Comtees care they then to Report

The auditors made the following Report
which is accepted Viz. Smithfield 29th of 12 mo 1799
We have settled accounts with Wm Buffum ye
former Treasurer for the Monthly Meetg and
find a ballance of $ 8-37 Cents Due to
sd William, also agreeable to Direction have
Delivered to Zacheus Southwick the Present
Treasurer, a book which is the Property of this
Meetg in which sd accounts are kept
{ Walter Allen
{ Zadok Smith

The Comtee in the case of
Edward Smith inform that
he has Deceased since our last Monthly Meetg the
matter on account of his widow is Refered to

next Monthly Meetg they then to Report

The Comtee to inquire into Walter Allen Clearness in respect to marriage inform they find nothing to hinder his Proceeding therein with Lucy Buffum and they appearing in this Meetg and Continuing their Intentions & Recd an Answer accordingly And Zacheus Southwick & Benedict Remingt are appointed to have the oversight thereof & Report to next Monthly Meetg

The Women presented a Certificate in favour of Hannah Eddy who is about to remove to Danby Monthly Meetg which was read approved & signed by the Clerk

Smithfield Preparative Meetg inform they Raised & Deld the Treasurer $ 19=75 Cents Glouchester Also forwarded $ 5=63 Cents

At a Monthly Meetg of friends held at Smithfield 27th of 2 Month 1800

The accounts from the Preparative Meetgs being Present the Representatives therein named are Smithfield George Arnold & Jona Mowry Gloucester Jeremiah Ballard & Chad Smith who being Called are all Present

The Comtee in Case of Benjamin Wing inform that five of them have had an other opportunity with him, And he not appearing in a disposition of mind to make friends Satisfaction, which after Solid Consideration thereon this meetg with the approbation of the womens Meetg have Disowned unity with him as a member, and William Buffum & Enoch Sprague are appointed to inform him thereof and of right of appeal and Draw a Testimony of Denial and report to next Monthly Meetg

The women inform that they have Come to a Conclusion to Receive Amy Walton a member of Society with which this Meetg Unites

The Comtee in Case of Edward Smith widow Report ~~the~~ S matter may be Dismist which is Dismist accordingly

The Comtee to have the oversight of Walter Allen and Lucy Buffum Marriage made the following Report which is excepted viz

6th of 2 Month 1800
According to appointment we attended the Marriage of Walter Allen and Lucy Buffum and according to our observation it was was Conducted in an orderly manner And their Certificate is Delivered for Recording

Bennedict [illegible]
Laurana Southwick
Anna Thornton
Lavina Southwick

Smithfield Preparitive Meetg inform that Caleb [illegible] Desires a Certificate of removal to Uxbridge monthly Meetg whereupon Benjamin Pearse and George Arnold are appointed to enquire into the state of his affairs and if nothing appears to hinder to make out a draft of a Certificate and Present to next monthly Meetg

x Sd Meetg also inform that Abijah Newal Desires a Certificate to Salem monthly Meetg whereupon Elisha Thornton and Jonathan Perry

are appointed to enquire into the State of his
affairs and if nothing appears to hinder to
make out a drawft of a Certificate Suitable th
Circumstances and Present to next Monthly
Meety
Sd Meety also Raised and Delivered To the
Treasurer $7=67 Cents
Glaucester also Raised and Deld to the Treasurer
$5=16 Cents

Received $20 of William Buffum it being
one years Interest on a Loan which this Meety
holds against him & Delivered the same to the
Treasurer The Preparative meetgs are Desired
to enter in to a subscription of $25 to Pay the
yearly Meety Stock

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held at
Smithfield 27th of 3 Month 1800—

The Accounts from the Preparative
Meetgs being Present the Representatives
therein Named Are from Smithfield
Jabez Wing and George Read
Glaucester Arca Smith and Jesse Batty
who being Called are all Present

~~The Representatives~~
The Queries & Answers have been read
in this Meety from which general Answ
have been Compiled and Sent forwar

with the account by our Representatives Jabez Wing Jonathan Mowry and David Mowry who are Desired to attend to their appointment and Report to next Monthly Meetg

The Comtee to inform Benjamin Wing Report that he has been informed accordingly and also Presented a Testimony of Denial which being read, with a Little alteration is approved and Signed by the Clerk

The Comtee who had the Care of Caleb Wall Certificate presented one which being Read is approved Signed by the Clerk and ordered Recorded

The women inform that they have Disowned Hannah Buffum with which this Meetg approves

The Comtee who had the Care of Abijah Newal Certificate report that his affairs are not all wholly settled they are therefore continued for the further accomplishing their appointment and Desired to Report next Monthly Meetg

This Meetg Recd a Certificate from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting ~~being Read~~ in favour of John Battey a Minor which being read is Excepted and ordered Recorded

Smithfield preparative Meetg inform
that Daniel Kelly had removed to
Uxbridge Monthly Meetg and Deſires
Certificate whereupon Samuel Smit
and Olney Thomſon are appointed
to enquire into the State of his affair
and if nothing appears to hender to mak
a Draft of a Certificate ſutable to the
Circumſtanſes and Preſent to next
Monthly Meetg

Sd Meetg alſo Raiſed and Delivered
to the Treaſuer $12..98 Cents
Glouceſter alſo forwarded to the Treaſuer
$3..89 Cents.

At a Monthly Meeting of frien
held at Smithfield 24th 4 Month 180

The Accounts from the ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~ Preparative meetings being Preſent
the Repreſentatives their in named
Are Smithfield George Arnold & Walter Allen
Glouceſter Benja Batty & James Smith
all Preſent

The Representatives to attend the Quarterly Meetg Report that one of them attended according to appointment and the other sent a Satisffactory reason for his absence

The Comtee in the Case of Abijah Niwal Certificate inform that they have taken some pains in that case but are not ready to make full report at this time the matter is again Referd under the Committee Care and they Desird to Report to next monthly Meetg

The Committee in the Case of Daniel Kelly report that they have had a oppertunity with him and find his affairs are not all wholely settled that Case is Referd under the same friends Care and they Desired to report to next monthly Meetg

Smithfield preparitive Meetg in their account inform that George Smith Junr has a Prospect of Removeing out of the verge of this Meetg and Desires friends advise therein whereupon Jonthan Mowry Zacheus Southwick Seth Kelly and William Buffum are appointed to take a solid oppertunity with him on the Subject and give such advise as may appear to them suitable and Report to next monthly Meetg

The women inform that they
have come to a Conclusion to
Disown Hannah Remington
with which this Meetg approves

They also inform that Sarah Traf
has a Prospect of Removeing to
greenfield in the State of Newyork
and they haveing appointed a Comte
on the Subject are Desirous of assistan
whereupon Jabez Wing and William
Buffum are appointed to assist
them in S^{d} Case and Report to next
next Monthly Meetg

William Buffum Returned a Deed
to this Meetg which he was Desired
some months past to procure recorded
which being done the expence thereof
is 78 Cent which our Treasurer is
Desired to pay and S^{d} Dead lodged with
the Regester

The time for which the Overseers
of the Poor was appointed being expir
ed Jabez Wing Uriah Jelson and
John Man are appointed for that
Service the ensuing year

Smithfield preparative Meetg infor
they Delivered to the Treasurer $5..17Cen
Gloucester also forwarded $1..50 Cent

At a Monthly Meetg of Friends
held at Smithfield 29th of 5th Month 180

The accounts from the Preparative Meetgs being present the representatives therein named are Smithfield David Mowry and Enoch Sprague — Gloucester Jeremiah Thornton and Enoch Steere - all present

Smithfield preparative Meetg in their account inform that Abraham Cronly Requested the Care of friends. And he appearing in this Meetg and continuing of the same mind George Arnold Jonathan Mowry and David Mowry are appointed to take an oppertunity with him on the Subject and endeavour to feel after the Sutableness of his becomeing a member, and Report to next monthly Meetg The Committe in the Case of Abijah Newal inform that they are not ready to make Report on that matter, It is therefore Continued under the same friends Care and they Desired ~~to Pay Should endeavour that sd Case maybe wholely finished~~ and ~~Report~~ to ~~next Monthly Meetg~~ to Report to Next Monthly Meeting

The Committee in the Case of Daniel Shelly inform that they have taken some pai to finish that Matter but were Disappointed by Sickness they are therefore Continued to finish their appointment and repor to next Monthly Meetg

Three of the Committee in the Case George Smith junr inform that they have taken an oppertunity with him, and find that he is not settled in mind where to purchase therefore the Committee is Continued to further advise in that matter as may appear best and Report to next Monthly Meetg

The Committee in the Case of Sarah Trap removeal presented a Certificate recommending her to Saratoga monthly ~~Mont~~ Meetg which being read is approved and signed by the Clerk

Smithfield preparative Meetg inform that Syrus Carpenter Proposes to Lay his Intentions of marriage with Olive Southwick and they appearing in this meeting and Declareing their intentions accordingly, were Directed to next monthly Meetg for an Answer he Produceing Consent of parent

And George Arnold and Walter Allen are appointed to enquire into his clearness in that Respect and Report to next Monthly Meetg—

Sd Meetg also Raised and Delivered to the Treasurer $3-87 Cents

This Meetg Recd four printed Epistles from the yearly meetg of London for 1799 one of which ~~being~~ has been Read to good Satisfaction

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held at Smithfield 26th of 6th Month 1800

The Accounts from the preparative meetings being present the representatives their in named Are Smithfield David Morsey and John Man Gloucester Asa Smith and Enoch Steere all present

The Comittee in the Case of Abraham Crawly Request inform that they have had an opportunity with him to their satisfaction and think it may be well to receive him a member which after solid Consideration thereon and the approbation of the women meetg being had he is Received accordingly

Smithfield preparative Meetg inform that Lemuel Grover Requested the Care of friends, and he not being present that matter is referd to next Monthly Meetg —

The Comttee in the Case of Abija Newal Removeal inform that his affairs are ~~now~~ Settled to Satisfaction and also presented a Certificate on his behalf which being read is [illegible] approved signed by Clerk and ordered Recorded ——

The Comttee in Case of Daniel Kelly Removeal inform that they have taken an opportunity with him since Last month but are not ready to make full report that Case is again Referd under the same friends Care and they Desired to extend further Labour in that matter in order to get the same accomplished and report to next Monthly Meetg

The Comttee ~~to~~ inquire into Cyrus Carpenters clearness in respect to Marriage with Olive Southwick report they find nothing to hinder their Proceeding therein, and they appearing in this meeting and continuing their said Intentions. And then an answer accordingly and William Buffum and Daniel Smith are appointed to have the oversight thereof and report to next Monthly Meetg ——

This Meetg Received a Certificate from
Providence monthly Meetg Recommending
Daniel Healy to the Care of this Meeting
which being Read is excepted

The Committee in the Case of George
Smith junior are Continued for further
Care in that matter and Report when
Ready Smithfield preparative Meeting Raisd
and Delivered to the Treasurer $2..25 c

At a Monthly Meeting of friends
held at Smithfield 31th of 7th Month 1800

The accounts from the preparative meetings being present the Representives therein named Are Smithfield
James Harkness and Daniel Smith
Glancester Jesse Batty and Chad Smith
all present

Samuel Grover who Requests the care of
friends, now appearing and continuing ~~his~~
of the same mind Zaccheus Southwick
Walter Allen and Uriah Gifson are appointed
to take a Solid opportunity with him
on the subject and feel after the Suitableness of his becoming a member and Report
to next Monthly Meetg

The Queries and Answers having been read in this Meety from which general Answers have been Compiled and Sent forward with the account to the Quarterly meety by Jeremiah Bollard Enos Mowry and Samuel Smith our Representatives who are Desired to attend to their appointment and Report to next Monthly Meety—

The Comttee in Case of Daniel Kelly inform that they dont find but his affairs are Settled to Satisfaction and Presented a Certificate Recommending him and his wife to Uxbridge Monthly Meety which being read is approved signed by the Clerk and ordered Recorded—

The Comttee to have the oversight of Cyrus Carpenter and Olive Southwick marriage made the following Report which is excepted Viz Mendon 30th of 4 mo 1800

Agreable to appaintment we attened the marriage of Cyrus Carpenter and Olive Southwick and according to our observation it was Conducted in orderly manner their Certificate is Delivered the Register for Recording

Daniel Smith
William Buffum
Sarah Smith
Mercy Aldrich

Walter Allen is appointed to Read the Testimo-
ny of Denial against Benjamin Wing at
the Close of a Meetg at this house Lodge the
Same with the Register for Recording and
Report to next Monthly Meetg ——

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Raised
and Delivered the Treasurer D 3..16 Cents

The Treasurer informed that he is in
want of money to Defray the expence
of this Meetg whereupon the Preparative
Meetgs are Desired to enter into Subscription
of Fifty Dollars in order to Supply the
Same and forward it to the Treasurer
and and account thereof to next Monthly
Meetg ——

At a Monthly Meetg of Friends
held at Smithfield 28th of 8th Month 180

The Representatives named in the anon
from the preparitive Meetgs. viz; Smithfield
Bennedict Remington and Benja Pearse
Glouster Benja Battey and Philip Walden.
all Present

The committee in the case of
Lemuel Grover request report that
they have had an opportunity with him some
last Monthly Meetg and think it may be of
to except him a member which after the solid consi
deration thereon and the approbation of the
womens Meetg being had he is accepted
accordingly The representatives to attend
the Quarterly Meetg report they all attended
And Presented the following minute which
is as followeth — The committee appointed
by the yearly Meetg to attend all the Monthly
Meetings in this Quarter requested this Meetg as to
direct Smithfield monthly Meetg to
to arrange that Meetg so as to accommodate
them the 27th of the 9 month and 7th Day
of the week and the select meeting to begin
at the 8 hour in the morning of the same Day
They are requested so arrange it accordingly
At a Quarterly Meetg held at Portsmouth
for Rhode Island the 7th of 8th mo. 1800
Elisha Thornton Clk

And our next Monthly Meeting to be held the 27th of 9mo and 7th Day the week accordingly

Walter Allen informs that he has Read the Testimony of Denial against Benjamin Wing according to appointment and Lodged the same with the Register for Recording

It appearing that our Proportion of the Quarterly Meeting Stock for Last year is not Paid whereupon Our Treasurer is Directed to Pay the same to the Treasurer of that Meeting ——

Smithfield Preparative Meeting Raised and Delivered to the Treasurer $17..19 Cents Glocester forwarded to the Treasurer $4..50 Cents ——

At a Monthly Meetg of Friends
held at Smithfield 27th of 7 Month 1800

The accounts from the Preparative
Meetg being Present the Representatives nam'd
therein Are Smithfield George Arnold
and Seth Kelly — Glocester James Smith
and Stephen Kitty all Present —

Smithfield Preparative Meetg in their account in
form that Samuel Arnold has a Prospect of remov
ing to Pelham in the State of Massachusetts with
his family and Desires friends advice and Certificate
if they think Proper whereupon David Mowry Jona
Mowry and Seth Kelly are appointed to take an
opportunity with him on the subject and if they
think best Prepare a Certificate and bring to next
Monthly Meetg —

The Queries and Answers having been
read in this meetg from which General answers
have been Compiled, and forward the same with the
account to the Quarterly Meetg by our Representa
tives James Smith and Jabez King who are
Desired to attend to their appointment and Repor
to next Monthly Meetg —

Zacheus Southwick and Job Shearman are
appointed to make the Necessary Provision for
friends horses at the ensuing Quarterly Meetg
and Report the expence thereof to next
Monthly Meetg —

The women inform that they have come to a conclusion to Receive Mehala Money Daughter of Money Clemence a member of Society with which this Meeting approve.

Also that they have come to a Conclusion to rec'd Mercy Cro wife of John Cro a member of Society with which this Meeting approves

Smithfield Preparative meeting raised and Delivered to the Treasurer $15 " 30 Cents

Glouster Preparative Meeting raised and Delivered to the Treasurer $2 " 38 Cents

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held at Smithfield 30th of 10th Monthly 1800

The Accounts from the Preparative Meeting being Present the Representatives therein named are Smithfield Rowland Rathbone and Seth Kelly Glouster Enoch Steere and Jeremiah Ballard who being called are all present

One of the Committee in the Case of Samuel [illegible] informed that he had had an opportunity with him and found his affairs were settled to Pretty good Satisfaction and presented a Certificate which not being Quite Satisfactory to friends said Comittee are Continued and Desired to make a new Draft and Present to next monthly Meeting

One of the Representatives to attend the Quarterly Meetg inform that they attended according to appointment. And the Extracts from our Last yearly Meetg and ass from the Quarterly Meetg on the 10th month Last, comeing to hand are as followeth

At a yearly Meetg of Friends held on Rhode Island for New England from the 15th of 6 mo to the 18th of the same inclusive 1800

Rhode Island Quarterly Meetg having reported that they apprehended a Division of that Meetg into two Quarterly Meetings would be ~~[illegible]~~ of advantage but not proposeing a line of Division, and the subject not appearing sufficiently ripe to Decide upon at this time Jeremiah Austin jun Caleb Greene (Bedford) William Macy John Kelley Joseph Tilling William Anthony John Taber and Samuel Collins are appointed to visit that Meetg and the several monthly Meetings of which it is composed and Report their sence and judgement to this Meeting next year, both ~~[illegible]~~ respecting the Division and the line thereof including the times and places of holding sd Meetings and any other matters appertaining thereto if a Division of sd Quarterly Meetg shall appear Eligable to them ——

It is agreed by this yearly Meetg the Present State of Education of the rising generation among Friends calls loudly for their renewed engagements and more serious attention, That one school at Least aught to be set up within every Monthly Meetg belonging to this yearly Meeting and to be adapted as suitably as may be to the situation and number of Children and to the Ability of Friends in each Meeting—

And it is further recommended that any Monthly Meetg who upon Due and weighty Consideration Shall apprehend that they are not of Ability of themselves to set up a School, they recommend ~~a subscrip~~ and open a subscription towards the setting up and supporting a School and that they send up an Account of their proceedings therein with the amount of their subscription to the Quarterly Meeting to which they belong, which Quarterly Meetg is Desired to aid such Monthly Meetg in setting up a School by their advice and Assistance which Quarterly Meetg may Nevertheless if they Judge it most conducive to the end in view Join two or more Monthly Meetings in the maintainance and support of a Common School— And if more Assistance Shall be needed from any Quarterly Meeting then they are able to Defray without unreasonably burthening themselves that such Quarterly Meeting make application to our next Yearly Meeting Carefully sending up an account of their proceedings with the amounts of the assistance afforded to any Meeting or Meetings within the same with the amount of the sum over which they may have Discharged or may feel themselves of ability and freedom to Discharge to the extent that this Meetg may take measures in order to Discharge the same

And the several Quarterly and Monthly Meetgs are Desired to pay particular regard to our Discipline Respecting Schools—

And the Meeting for sufferings are desired to take into their consideration the subject of Friends

Proportion

Proportion of the publick Taxes for the support of Schoo
and to take such measures for obtaining the same
for the Support of friends Schools As way may ope
and they may think best and that any monthly
Meeting who may see their way clear may in the mean
time be at liberty to apply to the Authority of
Town or Towns wherein their members live for the sam

And friends are Desired to send an account
of their ~~proceeding~~ progress in this important
Concern to our next yearly Meeting ——

This Meeting conclude to raise five hundred
dollars to supply the Treasury for the year ensuing
of which Rhode Island Quarterly Metgs Propotion
is two Hundred Dollars ——

Extracted from the Minutes of the
Meeting aforesaid William Almy Clerk ~~for this time~~
to the Meeting this year

At a Quarterly meeting held at Smith
field Upper house the 9th of 10th Month 1800

The foregoing Extracts from our yearly Meetg
was reed and read at this time and Claimed the solid
attention of friends and each Monthly Meeting ~~are~~
is requested to pay sutable attention thereto We appoin
Elisha Thornton Richard Mowry Sylvester Wickes
Benjamin Read Thomas Watson Moses Brown
John Foster Isreal Saben and Samuel Thurston
a Committee of this Meeting to aid and assist the Monthly

Meetings as way may open & report to this Meeting in the 1st or 4th month next

The apportionment of this and the yearly Meetings Stock is left for the Clerk and Assistant to apportion as heretofore and transmit to each Monthly Meeting

Smithfeild Monthly Meeting proportion of the yearly Meetg Stock is Twenty four Dollars and of this Meeting Stock is twelve Dollars

Extracted from the Minutes of the Meetg Aforesaid —— Obadiah Brown
Clerk

Whereupon Jesse Batty Elisha Thornton Jonathan Mowry George Smith William Buffum and David Mowry are appointed to take the subject of education therein mentioned under their solid consideration and consider what Method of Proceedure may appear best, and report to next Monthly Meeting

Smithfield preparative Meeting inform that Seth Shelly requested the care of friends for his Children whose names are Seth Eli and Molly whereupon Zacheus Southwick and George Smith are appointed in conjunction with a Committee of women to make a visit to the family and endeavour to feel after the mind of truth therein and what may be best to do in said case and report to next Monthly Meeting

5 The Committee to Provide house keeping at our Last Quarterly Meeting report the expence thereof to be nine Dollars fifty Cents, and said Committee had an order on the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting for the same

Smithfield Preparative Meeting inform that Daniel Healy proposes removeing to Danby Monthly Meeting, And Desires a Certificate George Arnold and David Money are appointed to enquire into his ~~Clearness~~ affairs and if nothing appears to hinder Prepare a Certificate and bring to next Monthly Meeting

Said Meeting also inform they raised and Delivered to the Treasurer $3 - 3 Cents

Glawcaster raised and Delivered the Treasurer $3

The Extracts from our Yearly and Quarterly Meetings inform that our propotion of the yearly Meeting stock is twenty four Dollars and the Quarterly Meeting Meeting stock is twelve Dollars which our Preparative Meetings are Desired to raise forward to the treasurer of this Meeting and an Account thereof to next Monthly Meeting

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held at
Smithfield 27th of 11th Month 1800

The Account from the Preparative Meetgs
being present the Representatives thereon
Named are Smithfield John Man and
James Harkness Glocester Benjamin Battey and
Chad Smith who being called are all present

The Committee to make a new Draft of
Certificate for Samuel Arnold Presented one
recommending him to the Care of Richmond Monthly
Meeting which being read with a little alteration
is approved Signed by the Clerk and ordered Recorded

The Committee to whose Consideration the subject
of Schooling was Committed Report that they have
been together on the matter, and think best to
meet again, whereupon said Case is refered to next
Monthly Meeting under their Care they then to Report

The Committee on the request of Seth Kelly
for his Children, Report that they have had an
oppertunity with the family to Pretty good satis
faction and think it may be safe to except
~~them~~ said Children members, and the unity of the
womens Meetg being had they are Excepted accord
ingly their names are Seth, Eli, and Molly

The Committee in the Case of Daniel Kealy
removeal inform that his affairs are setled to
Pretty good satisfaction and presented a Certificate
recommending him to the Care of Danby Monthly
Meetg which being read is approved signed in both
Meetings and ordered recorded

The time for which the Overseers of Society was appointed being Expired John Man Jabez King Walter Allen David Mowry and Enoch Steere Are appointed to Consider who may be Sutable for that appointment the year ensuing Consult the friends on the subject and Report to next Monthly Meeting And the former Overseers are Desired to Continue their Care untill next Monthly Meetg as heretofore

The time for which the Clerk of this Meeting was appointed being Expired Benjamin Pearse and Daniel Smith Are appointed to Consider who may be Sutable for that service Consult the friends on the Subject and Report to next Monthly Meetg

Smithfield Preparitive Meeting inform that George Arnold has a Prospect of Removeing with his family within the Verge of Danby Monthly Meeting In Vermont State And Desires friends advice and Certificate if think proper whereupon Stepen Aldrich Zacheus Southwick and James Smith are appointed to advise with him on the Subject enquire into his affairs and ~~hinto~~ if they think proper prepare a Certificate for him his wife and Children and bring to next Monthly Meeting

Said Meeting also inform that John Read jr has a Prospect of Removeing to Danby Monthly Meetg in Vermont State with his family and Desires a Certificate whereupon Chad Smith Rowland Rathbone and Benedic Remington

tee appointed to inquire into his affairs, and if they find nothing to hinder prepare a Certificate and bring to next Monthly Meeting
Said Meeting Raised and Delivered to the Treasurer $1.67 Cents

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 25th of 12th Month 18

The Accounts from the Preparative Meetings being Present the Representatives their in named for Smithfield Daniel Smith George Read Gloucester Jeremiah Ballard Chad Smith all present

The Queries and answers have been read in this Meeting from which General answers have been Compiled, and forwarded with the account by our Representatives Benjamin Pearse Jesse Batty and Stephen Aldrich who are Desired to attend to their appointment and report to next monthly Meeting—

The Committee in the Case of a Monthly meeting school inform that they have again most of them been together on the Subject, But as it is a matter of importance, they are not ready to report at this time, said Case is again refered under their Care and they Desired to report to next Monthly Meeting

The Committee to Consider who would be most suitable for overseers of Society for the year ensuing Reported the names of Jabez Wing Zacheus Smithwick Jeremiah Bollard and Jeſse Batty which meeting the approbation of this Meeting they are appointed accordingly

The Committee in the Case of Clerk inform they are not ready to Report at this time, they are continued to fulfull their appointment and report to next Monthly Meeting and Jeſse Batty and Enos Mowry are added to them, and the former Clerk is Desired to serve untill a new appointment take Place ——————

The Committee to advise with and prepare a Certificate for George Arnold and family, Report his affairs are settled to satisfaction and presented a Certificate which being read with a Little alteration is approved Signed in both Meetings and ordered Recorded The Committee to Prepare a Certificate for John Read Junior and wife Report that his affairs are settled to satisfaction and presented a Certificate which being Read with a little alteration is approved signed in both Meeting and ordered Recorded ——————

Smithfield Preparative Meeting in their Account inform that Cyrus Carpenter proposes removeing with his wife, To Danby Monthly Meeting in Vermont State, and Desires a Certificate William Buffum and Benedict Remington are appointed to enquire into his affairs and if nothing appears to hender Prepare Certificate and bring to next Monthly Meeting

The time for which the Treasurer of this Meeting was appointed being expired Zacheus Southwick is reappointed Treasurer for the year ensuing

Our Treasurer is Desired to Call on the Treasurer of Providence Monthly Meeting for twenty five Dollars Due from that Meeting as their yearly Propotion for Keeping the Widow Mosier, And also pay our propotion of the Quarterly and yearly Meetings Stock to the Treasurer of their Respective Meetings

George Smith and Seth Kelly are appointed to have the Care of Procureing the School house at Mendon to hold Meetings in the year ensuing, The Committee appointed some time past to advise with George Smith some respecting removeing, inform ~~that they~~ have had several oppertunityes with him, And find he is about going with his family to Danby monthly Meeting in Vermont State, but his affairs not all being settled Said Committee are Continued to Prepare a Certificate, and Report to next Monthly Meeting

Smithfield Preparative Meeting Raised and
Delivered to the Treasurer £23.. 58 Cents
Glouester Preparative Meetings Raised
and Delivered to the Treasurer £5.. 15 Cents

At a Monthly Meeting of friends
held at Smithfield 29th of 1th Month 1801

The Accounts from the Preparative
Meetings being Present the Representatives
therein named Are Smithfield John Mann,
Jona Sales Glouester Paul Smith Jesse Battey all Present
Except John Mann

The Representatives to attend the Quarterly
Meeting inform they all attended according
to appointment

The Committee in the Case of a Monthly Meeting
School Presented a Report which being Read the
further consideration thereof is Referd to next
monthly Mtg

The Committee in the Case of Clerk Report
that they thought well to Reappoint Zadok Smith
Clerk the year ensuing which meeting the approba
tion of the Meeting he is appointed accordingly

One of the Committee in the Case of Cyrus Carpenters
removal inform that his affairs are settled to satisfac
tion and Presented a Certificate which being Read is
approved Signed in behf Mtgs and ordered Recorded

The Committee in the case of George Smith jur, Removal inform that they have made a Draft of Certificate; But his affairs not being all fully Adjusted said Case is again Refered under the same friends Care, And they Desired to Report to next Monthly Meeting

This Meeting Recd six Printed General Epistles from the yearly Meeting held in London for 1800 one of which has been read to good satisfaction, and Jesse Batty Benja Pearse and Benedict Remington are appointed to procure one of said Epistles Read at the close of a first Day Meeting at each particular Meeting belonging to this Monthly Meeting

The Treasurer informs that their are Considerable Demands on him for money, whereupon Our Preparitive Meetings are Desired to enter into a subscription of fifty Dollars to supply the same forward the money to the Treasurer and an account thereof to next Monthly Meetg

Smithfield Preparative Meeting Raised and Delivered to the Treasurer $5" 26 Cents

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held at Smithfield 26th of 2nd Month 1801

The Accounts from the Preparative Meeting being Present the Representatives therein named are Smithfield William Buffum Joseph Bartlet — Glocester Chad Smith Jesse Batty who being Called are all Present

The Case Referd at Last monthly Meeting Respecting a monthly Meetgs school Comeing again under Solid Consideration, and the Report being Read, this Meeting unites there with, whereupon said Report is Excepted and is as followeth, The Committee appointed on the subject of Schools, have met several times thereon, and are of oppinion that two or three schools Keept by sober & well inclined friends through the ensuing Summer in the Different Neighbourhoods of our Monthly Meeting, under the Perticular Care of a school Committee and to be Removed from Place to Place at the Discretion of the Committee, will be as well as any thing the Meeting will do as Present, And in case it should so happen that said schools Could not be conveniently Kept near enough for all friends Children to board at home, that then the Meeting will Pay what such boarding may be more then what they might be boarded at home for, which shall be judged of by the School Committee,

To the Monthly Meeting to be held 29th of 7 month 1801 Signed on behalf of the Committee by
Jonathan Mowry
Anna Thornton

And James Smith Jonathan Mowry Walter Allen George Smith Joseph Bartlet and Jesse Batty are appointed a School Committee accordingly for the year ensuing

The Committee in the Case of George Smith Junr. Removal inform that his affairs are settled to Satisffaction, and Presented a Certificate which being Read is ~~[illegible]~~ approved Signed in beh. Meeting and ordered Recorded

Smithfield Preparative Meeting in their accoun inform that Our Esteemed friend Elisha Thornton, in weighty manner Laid before that Meetg. a Concern that has for some tim Rested on his mind to make a Religious vi to the yearly Meetings of Newyork and Philadelphia, and also some Meetings in the Southerly Part of the former, And also opening the said Concern in their Meeting in a weighty manner,

which Claiming the Solid attention of Frie
this Meeting unites with him therein, And
William Buffum James Smith and Walter
Allen, Are appointed to Draft a Certificate
Suitable to the Circumstances and bring to
next Monthly Meeting, And also to have
the Care of making the Neceſsary Provisio
for said Journey, both in Regard to a Compa
nion, And other way, which may Seem
Neceſsary ——

This Meeting Received Proposals from
the Meeting for Sufferings, for Subscribing
for books entitled, the Selections from
Patience Braytons Journal, And Bennedict
Remington and Jeſse Bates are appointed
to Collect Subſcriptions accordingly

Smithfield Preparative Meeting Raised
and Delivered to the Treasurer $14..4 cen
Glocester forwarded to the Treasurer
$2.. 186 cen

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held at
Smithfield 26th of 3rd Month 1801

The accounts from the Preparative Meetings being Present the Representatives therein named are Smithfield Zacheus Southwick Enos Mowry Glocester Jeremiah Ballard Jesse Batty all Present

The Queries and Answers from the Preparative meetings have been Read, from which general answers have been [illegible] Composed and forwarded with the accounts by our Representatives Daniel Smith Zadok Smith and David Mowry, who are Desired to attend to their appointment and Report to next Monthly Meeting

The Committee in the Case of Elisha Thornton Certificate to travail on a Religious visit Presented one which being Read, is approved Signed in both Meetings, and ordered Recorded

The women inform that they have Come to a Conclusion to Receive Patience Arnold a member of society with which this Meeting unites Our Friend George Smith informed this Meetg that he has a Prospect of accompanying our friend Elisha Thornton on a religious visit to Philadelphia and New york yearly Meetgs This Meetg unites with him therein he being a member and an elder in unity with us, the Clerk is Directed to furnish him with a Coppy of this Minute

Recieved twenty Dollars of William Buffum
it being the Interest on a Bond this Meetg
hold against him, which is Delivered to the
Treasurer — Gloucester Preparitive Meetg
forwarded to the Treasurer $ 8 - 25 Cents

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Smithfield 30th of 4th Month 1801

The account from the Preparitive Meetg
being Present the Representatives their in
Named are Smithfield Jonathan Sales
x Samuel Smith Gloucester Enoch Steere Ar
x Smith who being Called are all present

The Representatives to attend the Quar
terly Meeting inform that they all attended
according to appointment

The women presented a Certificate Re
commending Mercy Southwick, To Friends
of Darby Monthly Meeting which being
Read Is approved and Signed by the Clerk

Smithfield Preparitive Meeting Raised
and Delivered To the Treasurer $15..40 Cen

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 28th of 5th Month 1801

The accounts from the preparative Meetings being present the Representatives therein named are
Smithfield Seth Kelly Enoch Sprague
Glocester Benjamin Battey Enoch Steere
all present Except Enoch Steere who sent a satisfactory Reason for his absence

Smithfield Preparative Meeting in their account inform that John Shearman appeared in that Meeting, And Requested the Care of friends And he not being Present by reason of Indisposition of Body, Said Case is Refered to next Monthly Meeting

This Meeting Recd a Certificate of Removal from Providence Monthly Meeting In favour of James Clemence which being read is Excepted.

Smithfield Preparative Meetg inform that the overseers presented a Complaint against Asa Kelly For haveing Kept Company with and making publick his Intentions of marriage with one not a member of our Society, Whereupon Jonathan Mowry Benjamin Barns and Benedict Remington, Are appointed to take a Solid oppertunity with him on that Subject and such other matters as they may think Proper and Report to next Monthly Meeting

The women Presented a Certificate of Removal Recommending Elizabeth Smith widow

To the Care of Hudson Monthly Meeting of the State of New york which being Read is approved and signed by the Clerk

The time for which the overseers of the poor was appointed being Expired John Mann, Stephen Aldrich David Mowry Jeremiah Ballard and Benjamin Batty are appointed for that Service the year ensuing

Zaccheus Southwick is appointed in addition to the School Committee

Smithfield Preparative Meetg Raised and Delivered to the Treasurer $8..71 Cents

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 25th of 6th Month 1801

The Representatives Named in the Accounts from the Preparative Meetgs Are Smithfield Stephen Aldrich and Elisha Kelly Glocester Caleb Arin and Asa Smith who being Called are all Present

John Shearman now appearing and Continuing his Request to Come under the Care of friends Jonathan Mowry Elisha Thornton James Smith and David Mowry Are appointed to make a visit to him and family and endeavour for a Solid oppertunity with him on the Subject, And Report their Sence thereon to next Monthly Meeting

The Committee to Labour with Asa Kelly inform
that they have had an oppertunity with him, and
he appearing Desireous that friends Should wait
a Little while upon him, Said Case Is Refer'd under
the same friends Care. And they Desired to attend there
to and Report to next Monthly Meeting

Our Friend Elisha Thornton Returned a Certifi
cate which was granted him some time past to
Perform a religious Viset. To Philedelphia and
Newyork yearly meetings. With Information
that notwithstanding he failed Reaching the former
for want of time. And the Latter from ~~other from~~
other waitty Circumstances, yet through Divine
Help has been ennabled to perform more in
attending Meetings In the latter yearly Meetg
then he Expected To the Satisfaction of his own
Mind. George Smith Also Returned a Coppy of
Minute and informed that he bore the aforesaid
friend Company in the aforesaid Viset

Gloucester Preparitive. Meetg informed tha
that Jonath Smith has Neglected the attenda
of Meetgs, attended at places of Meriment, Batt
Played at Cards And attended at a Traning a
Soldier Whereupon William Buffum George
Smith and Walter Allen are appointed to take
a Solid oppertunity with him on the Subjects the
in Mentioned and Report to next Monthly
Meeting

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held at Smithfield 30th of 7th Month 1801

The accounts from the Preparitive meetgs being Present the Representatives therein named are

Smithfield Seth Kelly Walter Allen

Gloucester Jeremiah Bollard James Clemence

all present except James Clemence who is absent by Reason of indisposition of body

The Queries and Answers have been Read in this Meeting, from which general Answers are forwarded with the account by our Representatives Jonathan Mowry and Jeremiah Bollard who are Directed to attend to their appointment and Report To next Monthly Meetg

Three of the Committee to visit John Shearman inform that they have Made a visit to John and family To good Satisfaction: And think well that Said Matter In Regard to his Request Be Refered, It is Refered accordingly under the same friends Care And they Directed To Report to next Monthly Meeting The Committee To Labour with Asa Kelly inform that they have had an opportunity with him since Last Month, But not being wholely Ripe to Report at this time, Said Case Is again Refered under the same friends Care and they Directed To Report to next Monthly Meeting

The Committee to Labour with Jonah Smith inform that they have had an oppertunity with him, And he owning the Matters Complained on for And Manifesting no Necessity nor incorage ment for amendment, Nevertheless friends think well of said Matter being Refere, It is therefore Refered under the same friends Care. And they Directed To Report to next Monthly Meetg

Smithfield preparitive Meetg informs this that David Wilkison, Hath much Neglected the attendance of Meetgs has Departed from Plainess of Speech and apparel, Attends Places of Vain and unprofitable Company, And uses Profain and Wicked Language, The further Consideration whereof Is Refered To next Monthly Meetg

Also said preparitive Meeting inform that John Kelly, Has Departed from Plainess of Speech and Aparel has attended places of frolicking and merriment, And at said places joined the Company in Dancing also hath Contracted and Consummated Marriage with one not a member of our Society & Said Matter Is Refered to the Considation of next Monthly Meetg

Said Meeting also inform that Rowland Rathborn Desires a Certificate to Southkingstown Monthly Meetg in order for Marriage, Walter Allen and Benedict Keniston are appointed to take the Necessary Care in sd Matter and Report to next Monthly Meetg

John Read junior and wife not having the moved According To their expectation by reason of sickness And now expecting soon to to go Stephen Aldrich Walter Allen and Chad Smith, Are appointed To take the Necessary care in said Matter and report to next Monthly Meeting

This Meeting Received the following Extract of a Minute from our Last yearly Meeting which Being Read is as follows

th From the observation of our brethren of Philadelphia and New york, In their Epistles and from other sources of information, The attention of this Meeting has been excited, towards the Calamitious Situation of many of our brethren and others in Great Britain and Ireland, Through the great Scarcity (unparaled for many years) And Consequent high Price of Provisions in that Country. And whilst we are impressed with a Greatful sence of the abundant favours Vouchsafed To us in this Land, from the bountiful hand of kind Providence, A feeling Sympathy for the sufferings of our Fellow Creatures in those Countryes, Excites a Desire, that, by our Liberality, they may be inabled To participate with us in those Temporal Blessings

Wherefore, it is Recommended to friends, to enter into Subscriptions for their Relief and forward the same as speedily as may be

To William Rotch William Macy and William Rotch Junior who are Directed to forward Bills for the same to the Meeting for Sufferings in London, to be Distributed at their Discrission, and the Clerk is Directed to forward a Coppy of this minute to each Monthly Meeting

Extracted from the Minutes of the yearly Meeting of friends for New England Held on Rhode Island in the 6th month 1801

By William Rotch Jur Clerk to the Meeting this year

Whereupon Walter Allen James Smith and Seth Kelly are appointed to Collect Subscriptions accordingly & forward to the yearly Meetings Committee, and Report to next monthly Meeting

Smithfield preparitive Meeting Raised and Delivered To the Treasurer $ 16 " 51 Cents

Glouster preparitive Meeting Raised and Delivered To the Treasurer $ 8 " 0

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smith
field 27th of 8th Month 1801

The Accounts from the preparitive Meetings
being Present the Representatives therein Named
Are Smithfield Benjamin Pearse David Mowry
Glaucester Benjamin Battey Chad Smith who
being Called Are all Present Except David Mowry
who is absent by reason of indisposition of Body

The Representatives to attend the Quarterly meeting
inform that they attended according to appointment an
Produced the following Extracts which being read are
as followeth By the reports from the several Quar
terly Meetings it appears, that the Concern of this
Meety relative to the Establishment of Schools
under the Care of Monthly Meetings, has Claimed som
attention in Friends minds, Divers schools have been Es
tablished under the Care of Friends, and Prospect of some
others being opened — yet we are sorrowfully Affected by
the information that some Instances have occured even where schools
were established by Monthly Meetings. That some friends hav
been so Inattentive not only to the Concern of the body on
this subject but we fear to the precious Dictates of truth
in their own minds, as to send their Children to public
or other improper schools, where their tender minds are exposed
to suffer Loss — under these impressions we are Concerned to
Exort all in profession us, Deeply to Consider the impor
tant duty we owe to our beloved offspring whose minds
it is incumbent upon us to watch over with all Diligen

That they be trained up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. And we further desire that Friends may be en~~gaged~~couraged not only to labour in the ability afforded in the spirit of brotherly affection and meekness to prevent such inadvertence in future but also with fervency and hope perseverance in endeavours to effect the object of this Meetings concern, as far as our individual circumstances may allow and by no means admit the consideration, that the sacrifice of those outward favours intrusted to our stewardship, should be, put in competition with the all important object of the present and eternal wellfare of our beloved Children. And each Quarterly Meeting is requested to report their progress therein next year ——

The Committee appointed last year made the following report — To the yearly Meeting to be held in the 6th month next, We your Committee appointed at last yearly Meeting to consider of the Division of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting have attended thereto and most of us visited most of the monthly Meetgs in said Quarter together with the Quarterly Meeting. And after endeavouring weightily to consider thereof. It is our sense and judgement that advantage may arise from the following Division Viz- That the monthly Meetings of Smithfield Uxbridge Bolton and Richmond be set off from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting. And that they constitute one by the name of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting and that it be held as followeth, viz — at Smithfield the 5th day before the 2d sixth day in the 2d, 5th and 11th Months and at Bolton the

the 5th day before the 3rd sixth day in the 8th Month And that when said Meetings are held at Smithfield there be no public Meetings held there on that account —— And Rhode Island Quarterly Meetg heretofore held at Smithfield in the 10th month be held at Providence at the same time that it was held at Smithfield and the other times of holding said Rhode Island Quarterly Be at the same times and places as heretofore ——

Smithfield 10th of 10th Month 1801
Signed on behalf of the Committee By John Baley
Sarah Otis

Which is accepted and the Division therein proposed is adopted and it is concluded that the two Quarterly Meetgs of Rhode Island and Smithfield be held at the times and places therein proposed, and if it appears to them that any alteration either in time or place for holding them would be more Agreeable they are requested to inform the yearly Meeting thereof next year ——

And we appoint Cornelius Howland Isaac Lawton Eber Davis, Moses Brown and William Rotch junr to set with friends at the opening of the new Quarterly Meeting —— This Meeting concludes to raise five hundred Dollars for the service of the ensuing year of which Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting proportion is two hundred Dollars which they are desired to forward to our Treasurer with an account thereof to our next yearly Meeting ——

Each Quarterly Meetg is at Lyberty to appoint not exceeding four friends Members of the Meeting for Sufferings ——

Extracted From the Minutes of the yearly Mtg of friends held on Rhode Island in 6th month 1801

By William Rotch jun. Clerk to Mtg this year

One of the Committee in the Case of John Shearman informs that they are not ready to report at this time they are continued to take the neceſsary care in that Matter and report to next Monthly Meeting

The Committee to Labour with Asa Kelly Presented an Acknowledgement from him with information that in their sence there was a Degree of Tenderneſs in him, Whereupon said Matter with the acknowledgment is again Refered to the further consideration of the same Committee and they Directed to report to next monthly Meeting And Jesse Batty Stephen Aldrich and James Smith are appointed in addition thereto

The Committee to Labour with Josiah Smith Report they have nothing further to inform, And this Meeting after Solidly conſidering the same, and the unity of the Womens Meetg being had think best to diſown unity with him as a member, he is Diſowned accordingly, and Benjamin Batty and Enoch Steere are appointed to inform him thereof of his right of appeal, Draft a Testimony of Denial and report to next Monthly Meeting

The Case of David Wilkiſon comeing again under Consideration, And some friends expreſsing a Desire

that further Labour might be bestowed. James
Clemence Benjamin Pearse John Mann and
James Smith, Are appointed to make a visit
to David, indeavour to feel after the present state
of his mind Communicate such advice as may
appear best, and Report to next Monthly Meeting

The Case of John Kelly Comeing again under Con
sideration, this Meeting after solidly weighing the
same and the unity of the womens Meeting being
had, think best to Disown unity with him as
a member, He is Disowned accordingly. And
Douglas Marsh and Benedict Remington
Are appointed to inform him thereof of his
Right of appeal, Draft a Testimony of Disowna
and Report to next monthly Meeting

The Committee to enquire into Rowland Rathbon
Clearness in regard to Marriage presented a Certifi
cate which being Read is approved and signed by the Clerk

The Committee to prepare a Certificate for John
Reed jur and wife Presented one recommending
them to the Care of Danby Monthly Meeting which being
read is approved signed by the Clerk and ordered re
corded

This Meeting Recd a Certificate of Removal
from Swanzy Monthly [illegible] Meeting in
favour of William Bishe his wife and childn

whose names are. Mary, [illegible] Rachel, Ruth and Rebeccah, which being read, is excepted and ordered recorded — And also one in favour of his son Samuel Rushe which being read is also excepted and ordered recorded ——

The Committee to Collect Subscriptions and forward to the yearly Meetings Committee inform that they collected and forwarded $14 .. 17 Cents

Smithfield preparative Meeting raised and forwarded to the Treasurer $ 6 .. 20 Cents

Glocester preparative Meeting also forwarded to the Treasurer $ .. 2 .. 50 Cents

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 24th of 9th Month 1801

The Representatives named in the Accounts from the Preparative Meetings are
Smithfield Brion Sprague George Smith
Glocester Caleb Pain Stephen Battey all present

The Committee in Case of John Shearman informs that but little has been Done since Last Month, therefore said Matter is again referred under the same Friends Care And they Directed to Report to next Monthly Meeting

Two of the Committee to Labour with Asa Kelly made the following Report which being read is excepted and is as followeth

To the monthly meeting to be held in the 9th mo 18

We your Committee to have the Care in the Case of John Kelly, have attended thereto, and are of opinion that it will be best to refer said matte two months for consideration

Jonathan Monry
Jesse Batty
Stephen Aldrich
Benedict Remington
Benjamin Pease

Said Matter Is Refer'd accordingly under the Care of the same friends and they Directed to report to [illegible] this Meeting in the 11th Month next

The Committee to inform Jonah Smith of his being Disowned, and Draft a Testimony of Denial, report that he has been informed thereof, and presented a Testimony of Denial which being read Is approved and signed by the Clerk

The Committee in the Case of David Wilkison report that they all have had an opportunity with him, and he appearing Desirous of being waited upon a Little while, This Meeting thinks well thereof, whereupon said matter Is refered under the Care of the same Committee, and they Directed to report to this Meeting in the 12th month next or sooner if they think best

The Committee to inform John Kelly of his being Disowned and Draft a Testimony of Denial, report that he has been informed accordingly, but not haveing made a Draft of a Testimony of Denial they are Continued to fulfill their appointments and report to next Monthly Meeting

This Meeting read the following Extract of a minute from Stanford Quarterly Meeting ~~in fav~~ on behalf of our Friends Elisha Thornton and George Smith Viz Our Esteemed Friend Elisha Thornton attended this Meeting on the 9th of 5 mo last in the course of his religious visit to friends, with a Certificate of concurrence from Smithfield monthly Meeting, whose Company and Services are very Satisfactory to us —— — Also our friend George Smith as companion to Elisha Thornton attended said Meeting with a minute of approbation from the same Meeting whose Company and Conduct is Satisfactory to us —

At Stanford Quarterly Meeting held 8th of 8th mo 1801 — The Clerk is Directed to transmit a coppy of the minutes made at last Quarterly Meeting on behalf of our friends Elisha Thornton and George Smith to Smithfield Monthly Meeting

Taken from the Minutes Tiddeman Hull Clerk

Walter Allen Seth Kelly and Jeſse Bitty are appointed to take the necessary Care in providing Company for friends, that may come amongst us on a religious account according to the former Practice of this Meeting.

The Clerk is Directed to procure a record book suitable for recording the minutes of this Meeting in

The Treasurer of this meeting informing that he is in want of money to defray the expence of this Meeting whereupon the Preparatives

Preparitive Meetings are Directed to enter into a Subscription of fifty Dollars forward the same to the Treasurer of this Meeting and an account thereof to next Monthly Meeting

Smithfield Preparitive Meeting raised and Delivered to the Treasurer $ 41.00 Cents

Glouester preparitive Meeting raised and Delivered to the Treasurer $ 10.00 Cents

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held at Smithfield 29th of 10th Month 1801

The Representatives named in the accounts from the Preparitive Meetings Are
Smithfield Douglas Mash George Gaskil
Glouester Enoch Steere Benjamin Batty
who being called are all present

The Queries and Answers have been read in this meeting from which we forward general Answers with the account by our Representatives Enoch Steere Walter Allen and Jabez Wing who are Directed to attend to their appointment and Report to next Monthly Meeting

The Committee in the Case of John Shearman inform that they have had an opportunity with him to a good degree of Satisfaction Since Last month, But under every Circumstance thinks well of said Matter being Refered It is Refered accordingly under the sam

Friends Care and they Directed to Report to
next Monthly Meeting

The Committee to Draft a Testimony of
Denial against John Shelly, presented one
which not being wholely to satisfaction said
paper, Is returned to the Committee, And they
Directed to make anew Draft and present
to next Monthly Meeting

The women inform that they have Come at a
Conclusion to Disown unity with Mary Carpenter
and Betsy Shelly with which this Meeting unites

The time for which the visiters of this Meeting
was appointed being Expired Elisha Thornton
Jonathan Mowry Benjamin Batty and David
Mowry Are appointed for that Service the
year ensuing, and they Directed to Report their
Progress therein to this Meeting at the expi
ration of said time

Our Esteemed Friend Elisha Thornton in
a Solid Manner informed this Meeting that
he has a prospect of attending a few meetings
In the Compass of Rhode Island Quarterly
Meeting, This Meeting unites with him therein
He being a Minister in good Esteem with us
the Clerk Is Directed to furnish him with a
Coppy of this Minute

Smithfield preparitive Meeting Raised and Delivered the Treasurer $ 2..00 Cents

Glocester preparitive Meeting Raised and Delivd To the Treasurer $ 2.45 Cents

Zacheus Southwick & Enoch Mowry are appointed to make the necessary provision for friends horses at the ensuing Quarterly Meetg & report the expence thereof to next Monthly Meetg

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 26th of 11th Month 1801

The Representatives named in the account from the preparitive Meetings are
Smithfield Joseph Bartlet and James Harkness
Glocester Chad Smith Jeremiah Ballard
who being Called are all present Except Joseph Bartlet

Smithfield prepative Meeting informed this That William Skinner Came into that Meeting and Requested to Come under the Care of Friends And he appearing in this Meeting and Continuing his said Request Chad Smith Benjamin Pearse Jonathan Mowry and George Shelly Are appointed to take a solid opportunity with him on the Subject endeavour to feel after the suitableness of his becoming a Member and Report their sence thereon to next Monthly Meeting

The Representatives to attend the Quarterly Meeting Report that they all attended according to appointment

The Committee in the case of John Shearman inform that they think well of said Matter being again Referd which being agreeable to this Meeting, It is Referd accordingly under the same friends Care and they Directed to Report to next Monthly Meeting

The Committee to Draft a Testimony of Denial against John Kelly Presented one which being Read with a Little alteration Is approved and signed by the Clerk

The Committee in the Case of Asa Kelly inform that they have had an oppertunity with him to a Diegree of satisfaction Nevertheless think well of said Matter being again Referd It is Referd accordingly under the same friends Care and they Directed to Report to next Monthly Meeting

Caleb Sam Is appointed to read the Testimony of Denial against Jonah Smith at the Close of a Public Meeting at Gloucester Lodge the same with the Register for Recording and Report to next Monthly Meeting

Bennedict Remington Is appointed to read the Testimony of Denial against John Kelly at the Close of a Public Meeting at Mendon, Lodge the same with the Register for Recording and Report to next Monthly Meeting

George Smith George Gaſkil and Douglaſs Marſh Are appointed to have the Care of hireing the School house at Mendon for friends to hold Meetings in the year enſuing, Pay the backs rent, And Report, what in their sence may be best to be Done in sd Case in future, at the expiration of said year

The Committee ~~in~~ to make Proviſion for friends horses at our Last Quarterly Meeting, Report that the expence thereof is Seven Dollars, and they Recd an order, and were Directed to Call on the Quarterly Meetings Treaſurer for the same

Smithfield Preparative Meeting Raised And Delivered to the Treaſurer $14"42 Cents

Recorded by Zadok Smith Clerk